# Aemocratic Matchman.

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#### Ink Slings.

-The men behind the guns did it, but how about the grub behind the men? -We pay \$20,000,000 for the Philippines, then fight 'til we get them. That's buying a pig in a poke for sure.

-Good roads bills in the Pennsylvania Legislature are like the good boys in the Sunday school books: They all die young.

-It can t be denied that every girl who is following the fad of wearing her hair pompadour is afflicted with rats in her garret.

-- This proposition to divide up China will be very apt to reveal a streak of yellow, somewhere. And it might be in Li HUNG CHANG'S jacket.

-The fear of being called a billion dollar Congress had no terror for the Fiftyfifth. It went a half better in its extravagance and made it 1,566,000,000.

-Old Sol made it so hot for our troops in Manila, on Wednesday, that they had to retire to their tents for the day. It was something more than the Spanish or AGUIN-ALDO have been able to do.

-We have no use for even the tiniest bit of China. Uncle SAM has all the territorial bric-a-brac he can take care of now and if any other powers want to divide up the celestial empire let them do it in welcome.

-It is reported now that Genl. OTIS is going to knock the stuffin out of the Filipinos within a fort night. What if he does, stuffin ain't a bit better than live Filipinos. Neither are worth a continental damn.

-The search light is being turned on at Harrisburg and the bribe givers and bribe takers are flying for cover. Its glaring rays have caught a few, but if the light had the power of penetration it ought to have their name would be legion.

SHAUGHENESSY are after the insurgents in the Bellefonte council. They know that ers there. This is a distinction which is they must be captured within two weeks altogether proper where it is deserved. or there will be new policemen and a new street commissioner.

-MATTHEW STANLEY QUAY is no longer a United States Senator. His term expired on Saturday and Pennsylvania has as yet failed to re-elect him. So much to the credit of the Commonwealth. An empty house is better than a had tenant.

-The Scranton man who filed a voluntary petition in bankruptcy on Monday, placing his debts at \$68,373.14 and his only assets as three gold studs must have "put up" about everything he owned before he came to the conclusion that he couldn't liquidate.

-The conclusion of the United States nators, who, before leaving Washington.



# STATE RIGHTS AND FEDERAL UNION.

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# Bribery at Harrisburg.

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The developments thus far in the investigation of the charges of corrupt solicita-

tion in relation to the consideration of the McCARRELL bill in the Legislature at ing a public improvement fund for Belle-Harrisburg, justify the grave suspicions which have been current throughout the State for some weeks. Two reputable Members of the House of Representatives testified at the hearing before the committee on Tuesday evening that they had been corruptly solicited to aid the measure and gave names, dates, and circumstances with cured?

such particularity that there can be no doubt left in the mind of any reasonable man that they were truthful in the matter. One of these victims of depraved impudence is a farmer and it was no doubt hoped that his inexperience would aid in the work of whetting his It invariably happens that the burden of the present term of free school. They will follows:cupidity. But there is not even this excuse for the criminal temerity shown in the other instance. It was simply a case of folly blinded by evil passions and has

properly led to self-exposure. It has been well-known for years that corrupt solicitation of the Legislators has become a regular, though disreputable business at Harrisburg. Usually, as in the present case, those engaged in it are men who have served in the House or Senate and have thus acquired what is by courtesy called "the privilege of the floor." That is to say having themselves been

Members once they are forever afterward -The whole police force and TOMMY allowed to go upon the floor during sessions and converse with Members and oth-Men who have honored the State by faithful and honest service in the Legislature are entitled to this mark of consideration on their periodical returns to the scene of their past labors. But men who are capable of perverting the courtesy into an avenue for the perpetration of crime are worthy of no favors, and it is this class that invariably brings disgrace upon the body

by such actions of those in question. The first real session of the committee of investigation removed all doubts of the culpability of certain lobbyists whose names have been freely used in connection with this scandal from the beginning. The proceedings in the committee on that occa-

sion, moreover, leave little room for doubt s to whose interests the crimes were inmet in caucus and concluded that "party tended to promote. No one has said, and probably no one will say, that Senator QUAY had either knowledge of or sympatory of its organization Republican inter- thy in these operations. But the fact remains that his friends in the Legislature first ineffectually tried to smother the in--The German admiral von DIEDRICHS quiry and failing in that interposed every available expedient to embarrass it. At the meeting on Tuesday evening Messrs. VOORHEES and KREPS, the out-and-out QUAY members of the committee, put themselves in the attitude of attorneys for the accused and that they were unable to accomplish much in the role was only because their case was hopelessly bad from the beginning.

A Plan For a Public Improvement A Measure that Should be Passed. The bill to increase the minimum length

There could be no more opportune time than the present to discuss means for raisfonte. Just now, when the board of trade It is probable, however, that the pressure has been aroused to action and the citizens from the country districts, where five has been aroused to action and the citizens are beginning to co-operate with it the need of working capital, a fund ready for are beginning to co-operate with it the months of school are deemed sufficient, will any emergency, ought to be seen by everybody. The question is, can Bellefonte for the past ten years. It is hard to see have such a fund? If so, how can it be se- the logic that prompts the residents of the

Fund.

by subscription such sums as might be de- which a well attended summer school does manded in subsidies by manufacturing not flourish. In Centre county, for in- a year. plants looking for a location, just so long will Bellefonte be retarded in the forward private schools already advertised to begin led in the current three years. The march which it is hoped has at last begun. almost immediately upon the expiration of such work devolves upon a few and the draw scholars from all quarters of the contributors represent a very small per- county who will have to pay boarding and centage of the beneficiaries. The result of tuition for studying under the same insuch a course must ultimately end in structors, in many cases, who have taught working the willing horses to death. And during the winter in the public schools. when done the purpose is seldom accomplished. For a manufacturing plant that little hope that the country districts are desires to locate in Bellefonte and offers to changing on the school question. The do so, contingent upon the guarantee of a main desire seems to be to keep taxes to a pose in thirty-one years from 1866 to 1896. certain bonus, often will not wait until the town has been canvassed to ascertain whether the sum can be minimum and educational facilities at the same point. When the appropriation for whether the sum can be raised. Other public schools was increased, several years places jump in between us and with the ago, neither the length of the school term sums ready at hand divert the attention of nor the salaries of the teachers were increasthe prospective manufacturers and secure ed, as was hoped would be the case. Nearthe industry, while Bellefonte is still at ly every school district took the State's work on the subscription papers.

slowness of this process is the burden it wise pound foolish order. carries for the few. Whenever there is a do it they expend all their energy in claq-

It has been proposed that a tax levy be laid for the purpose of raising and maintaining a public improvement fund. And what more equitable, easy or speedy way of doing it could be thought of. Take a tax of  $24\frac{1}{2}$  that is now being laid and it

of time for public school sessions in Pennprints another letter, of which there have sylvania to seven months is again before been so many in the last twenty-five years, the Legislature and has passed the House. pointing out the "defenseless condition" of American seaports.

since the scheme for coast defense proposed a law, as has been the case at every session after the Mexican War was completed-in a measure-toward the end of the civil war. Con gress was long deaf to the needs rural districts to object to a longer school of coast defense. In the twelve years from So long as it will be necessary to solicit term, when there is scarcely a precinct in 1884 to 1896 Congress appropriated \$24,-730,000 in the annual acts for fortifications. This was an average of \$2,060,000 stance, there are at least a dozen of such This expenditure has been nearly doubamount devoted to fortifications in the three years ending next June has been as

Appropriation, fiscal year, 1897. Appropriation, fiscal year, 1898. Appropriation, fiscal year, 1899. National defense fund.....

Experience has been such as to warrant vious twelve years, and considerably more and not a foreign visitor but has been aghast at the condition in which our coast defenses have been permitted to sink. Five years ago a foreign fleet could have entered any American harbor practically without opposition. A fleet no larger than money and reduced the local taxes. This n San Francisco.

A feature more objectionable than the is one way of saving, but it is of the penny If seven months of school were held in

sum of money to be raised for the public the country districts and salaries sufficient good it is taken for granted that a half to encourage men or women to make teachdozen of the wealthy men of the place will ing a profession were paid there would be contribute all that is needed. The people no necessity for the summer schools and a who are really able and should contribute much superior intelligence abroad. It will something, however small the amount, be a surprise, but it is none the less true, never realize their personal obligation to that the average of intelligence in Pennsylsuch a movement, but when others fail to vania is much below that in some of the newer and undeveloped States of the Northwest. There is no trouble in tracing the

cause to our public schools. They are good enough in the towns and cities, but hardly the neugh in the country the country are good is trained artillerists. The guns in place call for 19,500 men. Artillerists cannot be answer the purpose in the country.

-----The United States government is levy of 2 mills and add it to the regular about to pay the French spoliation claims. At least a clause in the omnibus bill included them. They are of more than an hundred years standing and will never reach the original claimants, but it is certain that plenty of heirs and assignees will appear to relieve the treasury of the sums they carry. The claims are just and have been repeatedly recommended by Congresses, but were never paid. They were established through the injury done to American shipping in French ports during the latter part of the last century, when France was retaliating on our government for not helping her out in her war with England, after the help she had rendered lows: the thirteen colonies in their struggle for independence.

## Spawls from the Keystone.

-Moses Leisenring died at Jersey Shore Saturday, aged 77 years. His funeral took place Tuesday morning. He is survived by several children.

-John D. Kelley, of Williamsport, intends razing the wooden buildings he owns on Erie avenue, Renova, and will erect on the site a large hotel building.

-James Fitzpatrick & Co., of New York, are making preparations to erect a forty eight blower glass factory at Falls Creek. It will have capacity for employing 300 hands.

-At Hepburnia, near Grampian, a few days ago, 12 year old Earnest Rowles was killed by a small truck, on which he was playing, running off the end of a trestle work and falling upon him.

-The property of the Tri-County and Agricultural and Driving Park association at Johnstown was offered for sale, Saturday, by the sheriff. The highest bid was \$1,800 This was once true. It is true no There are mortgages aggregating \$28,000 against it.

> -At Montoursville Saturday, the 18 months old child of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Barrett, pulled over on itself a pan of boiling water. The child was frightfully scalded and died from the effects of its burns on Monday.

-It is said that the Northern Central railcoad company will fill up the old canal at Halifax and use it for a road bed. This would take the road practically out of the town. Civil Engineers of the company were surveying in that vicinity last week.

-Dr. S. H. Gump, of Bedford, disposed of the balance of his apple crop of 1898 last week, receiving \$1 per bushel for the same. He has a fine young orchard of some 50 8,674,898 acres near Napier, which in the past two \$17,813,161 years has netted him about \$3,000 over all The past three years have been twice the expenses ppropriations for fortifications of the pre-

-Several days ago Abram W. Brown, of than the entire appropriations for this pur-Lewisburg, fell from a tree on a fence. A severe gash was cut in his nose. Little attention was paid to the injury at the time, but a few days later his jaw began to get stiff. Lockjaw developed and he expired. He was 57 years old.

-Miss Annie Nolte, of Lewistown, was severely scalded last week in a peculiar manner. She had been ill abed, and her mother Chile had ten years ago could have levied put a hot water sack in her bed, which unfortunately bursted, the boiling water flying The expenditure of the past three years has changed all this. Of the entire arma-ment proposed for our leading ports about over her person and badly scalding her shoulder, side and limb.

ne-half will be actually installed by the -Eighty of the local milk dealers of Wilend of the year. Before five years are out, if Congress continues the work already beliamsport and vicinity have signed a pledge to fight the milk trust that has been organized in that city. The local dealers also state that With all the constant fire of criticism they will refuse to go out of the business and made upon the size of aggregate appropriaare asking their patrons to support them in tions, it is well to remember that the their fight against the trust.

country is getting in return a defended coast. Still, most of the people who at-tack the size of the appropriations now are Two car loads of walnut lumber were shipped Thursday from Mill Hall. The lumber the same people who five years ago were was consigned to Liverpool, England, and denouncing Congress for refusing to approfrom that city will be sent to Germany. The priate money enough to provide this counlumber was purchased in Bald Eagle and try with seaboard defenses. The next need Nittany valleys. Three car loads of plank walnut timber will be sent to the same counextemporized. Objection to the increased try. size of the army is really objection to ade-

quate national defense. To man our forte -A telegram from Harrisburg Tuesday when completed will require 39,000 men, and unless this force is ready when war Josiah D. Hicks, of Altoona, against Rev.

Dr. Silas C. Swallow, of Altoona, claim-

ing \$50,000 for criminal libel, has been

interests demand the retirement of ALGER" has demonstrated that for once in the hisests coincide with public interests.

who got so gay at Manila last summer that it was feared his indiscretions would precipitate a clash with Germany has been relieved of his command and Prince HENRY. of Prussia, a brother of the Emperor, who is popular in the United States, has been given command of the Asiatic squadron. This apparent expression of friendship on the part of the German government is decidedly reassuring.

-A fool and his money have always supposed to be soon parted, but there is a penurious old jehu up at East Stroudsburg who has exploded the theory entirely. The other day he lost \$300, which was later picked up by a little girl and immediately returned to him upon hearing of his loss. He rewarded her honesty by giving her a penny. Such miserly specimens of humanity had better be crushed and sold for alum, for all the good they are to any community.

-The pledge of the ninety QUAY men in the Legislature to stick to the "old man" to the bitter end makes it look very much as if this session will result in no choice for United States Senator: QUAY has gone to Florida for his health. It is not stated whether it is physical or political reinvigoration he needs. He will probably fish a little down there, too, because he stands a better chance of having luck with the tarpon than he has had at catching suckers about Harrisburg.

-The New York spinster who wants to have the "reprehensible and promiscuous practice of kissing" stopped had better suggest some other means than that of posting notices of warning in club rooms and on street corners. The direful effects she has discovered in the practice are such as to make the curious American man and women more curious than ever and it might not be a surprise if they start in at once to find out whether this old spinster knows what she is talking about.

-The typhoid octopus has Philadelphia in its deadly grip. All previous mortality records have been surpassed and it is estimated that the number of deaths for the week ending March 11th, will reach the appalling total of 475. Ordinarily Philadelphia is a healthful city, barring the impurity of its water service, and there would be little trouble eradicating this inevitable germinater of the typhoid bacillus if only a part of the money that is stolen from the tax-payers down there could be diverted to the business of providing a purer water supply.

# The Matter of Ballot Reform.

There are three ballot bills pending in the Legislature, each one of which aims to promote honesty in elections. The best of the three, and unhappily the one least likely to be adopted, is that one introduced by Mr. Fow, of Philadelphia and the worst that of Senator MARTIN, of Philadelphia. These two measures run along the same lines and, as has been suggested, might be merged with the effect that a fairly good law would result. But there can be no substantial reform without personal registra-

tion and under the present constitution of the State it is difficult to secure that. The Fow bill provides for personal registration and to make that possible under the constitution it requires the registering officers to sit at the polls on election day

in order to accommodate those who have neglected to personally register previously. It may be said that this is a doubtful if not devious expedient, but it is the best one

possible. It is true, for example, that a personator at the polls might deceive the registering officers as well as election officers, but it is equally certain that there is greater risk in the operation because of the multiplication of officers to be deceived and fewer rogues will be ready to take the chances of escaping the penalty.

The KEATER bill is superior to the MAR-TIN bill in that it requires persons who ask for assistance in preparing their ballots to swear to their inability to perform the service for themselves. The greatest source of corruption in the elections under the existing law is that provision which permits the briber to accompany the bribed into

the booth to fix his ballot. The MARTIN law continues this evil and that fact of itsself makes it unavailable. It would be wise, therefore, for the friends of ballot reform in the Legislature, if they are in the majority, to cast aside all others and unite upon and pass the Fow bill.

Council voted \$2,000 into the sinking fund. Where is the sinking fund? Where are the \$2,000?

would only increase the amount  $\frac{1}{2}$  a mill over the levy for 1897, yet it would yield \$3,173 annually to a fund for improvement purposes. It would be an equitable arrangement because all would have a share in raising it, especially so the property holders who would be most benefitted by such an enhancement of values as a live manufacturing town always experiences Of course the proposition to lay such a millage is illegal, but with the consent of the voters of the borough it could be done and there should be no trouble in securing such consent.

In a few years such a fund would have accumulated as would put Bellefonte in the position of snapping up, on a moment's notice, any good proposition that could be made. A committee of council, or business men could be appointed custodians of the fund, with power to receive, investigate and act upon all offers. By such a plan there could be no delay and everyone would have a share in it. If by any chance the fund would grow too large it could revert to the borough treasury and be used to wipe out some of the bonds that are now drawing interest.

What do you think of such a plan, taxpayers of Bellefonte? Talk about it, consult one with another about it and if it is your opinion, as it is ours, that it is a good thing, put it in operation and in less than ten vears Bellefonte will be a veritable hive of industry and no one will feel the effect of the increased millage of whatever | record is atrocious, to be sure, but after all amount is laid.

### Arnold's Fine Sarcasm

The thought to which former Congress man W. C. ARNOLD, of the Twenty-eighth Pennsylvania district, gave utterance when he said: "Thank God, I am once more a who is not a Republican. private citizen," might probably have the effect of leading some who don't know the Congressman to the belief that his service | battle cry of the QUAY shouters, if this corhas been a sort of martyrdom to the wishes of a people, eager for him as a Representative. But it doesn't correspond with his speeches here last fall in the least. Then he was assuring the people that he was coming out of DuBois with a majority of learn to drop QUAY from the cry they will five hundred and was going to be re-elected,

as certain as fate. On the stump he was praying to be kept from relegation to the private citizenship from the solitude of which he now "thanks God."

A pretty sarcasm, indeed. He has evidently recognized that the voice of the people, proclaiming his moral and political obliquities last fall, was the voice of God.

-----The many vacancies in the United States Senate are not so much due to a dearth of possible Senators as to the fact that there aren't holes enough for the pegs that he wasn't a fool then we are ready to description the WATCHMAN is the place want to be fitted in them. apologize.

A Hopeful Sign.

One of the newspaper correspondents at Harrisburg, telegraphs his paper that "in their desperation the QUAY shouters have revived their early battle cry: "QUAY or a Democrat." But this is no sign of desperation. It is rather an evidence of lucidity, and reason. They might adopt an infinite

ly more dangerous battle cry. That cry would indicate progression in the right direction. If they have gone that far already they may conclude, after while, to drop the QUAY part of it. It is certainly much better for these misguided men in the Legislature to cry "QUAY or a Democrat" than to demand QUAY or some other Republican. QUAY'S public

fouler than its source and QUAY, being a Republican, who will dare say that he is better or worse than other Republicans? If, a Senator who is not bad is to elect one

Under these circumstances we are inclined to encourage rather than deprecate the respondent has correctly represented it. The election of a Democrat to the office is a guarantee of improvement in the service and elevation in the morals of the Senate and if the shouters will go on until they

be performing a useful service to their will cast my vote for Jenks to-day." State, and an invaluable work for this country.

-THOMAS DONALDSON, the champion high diver, who plunged from the roof of Madison Square Garden, in New York, on

Wednesday afternoon, into an eight-foot tank, sixty-five feet below him, has taken his last dive. He cracked his skull and physicians say he can't live. It would hardly be right to call him a fool, just as he is about to enter the other world; but if

to have it done.

comes the gans will be useless

gun, all the guns will be in place.

# Quay Seventeen Short.

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Come and See Us.

The London Spectator in a recent issue,

From the Philadelphia Press.

Total.

In the Ballot for United States Senator That Was Taken on Wednesday

HARRISBURG, March 8.--Congressmanat-large Galusha A. Grow gained two votes on to-day's joint ballot for United States Senator. Mr. Grow made a short address to the House prior to the joint assembly and was among the spectators during the balloting. Representative Martin, of Mercer, changed from Colonel Irvin to Grow, nd Representative Snyder, of Luzerne, from Alvin Markle to Grow. The vote fol-

Quay, 105; Jenks, 81; Dalzell, 17; Stewart, 8; Irvin, 5; Huff, 9; Stone, 4; Rice, 2; Tubbs, 2; Widener, 3; Riter, 2; Grow, 3; Smith, 1; total, 242; necessary to a choice, 122; paired or not voting, 11; no election. Every Senator and Member of the House who has been voting for Senator Quay this morning received a telegram from the Senator, announcing that he was about to start for Florida for the benefit of his health and will be back in ten days. He returned thanks to his faithful friends for their loyalty to him, and said he hoped to be elect-

A copy of the telegram follows: "I leave for the South to-day for a rest of ten days. Upon my return I will join my friends at Harrisburg, remaining in close touch with them until the end of the senatorial contest, which, I believe, will terminate successfully. Before leaving I cannot refrain from thanking you and your colleagues for the magnificent support I have received for the past two months

"M. S. QUAY." [Signed] "M. S. QUAY." Mr. Bare, of Huntingdon, who has been voting for Senator Quay, rose in his place when his name was called and created some excitement when he said, in a loud the stream as a rule is neither purer nor voice: "I believe it to be my duty to my constituents and to my party to cast my vote to-day as I have done during this long contest. But, sir, I protest, that it is the duty of the leaders of all Republican therefore, QUAY is bad the safest way to get factions to make an honest effort to stop the farce that has been enacted here for the past two months. It were better to sacrifice our principles and friends now, than to sacrifice principles and friends and party in the future. Let us elect a Republican by Republican votes.

Then Mr. Bare added, in a lower voice: "I vote to-day for M. S. Quay," and a oar of laughter followed.

Representative Spatz, Democrat, of Berks, said, when his name was called: "It has been anticipated for some time that I would change my vote from Mr. Jenks but I will continue to fool the public and

Mr. Grow was escorted to the speaker's stand by Representatives Robb and Mar-shall, of Allegheny, amid great applause. He thanked the House for its kind expression. He said the Spanish-American war marks a new era in the history of the world and no more will Spanish colonies send up the cry of despair. No prophet to-day can foretell the future of America. The United States is the first nation in the world that instituted a war for humanity and the result of that war has imposed new responsibilities on the country.

discontinued. Word has been received by his family at Altoona that Mr. Hicks is ill at his hotel in Washington. -The safe in the post office at Hyndman,

Bedford county, was cracked by burglars at an early hour Friday morning, the door being blown clear across the room. The thieves secured \$400 in stamps and about \$200 in cash. There is no clue. It is supposed to have been the work of tramps who have been numerous about the town lately.

-A coal train running from Windsor to South Fork was wrecked near Salix Monday night. Several cars were demolished, one man instantly killed and two others badly hurt. The dead man's name was Edward B. Meyers. He was unmarried and lived at South Fork. The wreck resulted from failure of brakes to work on a heavy grade.

-William, the 13 year old son of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Cunningham, of Renova, attempted to jump a freight train in the yards at that place Saturday morning. He missed his hold, fell on the track and the wheels passing over his leg crushed the bone at the ankle. The foot was amputated by Drs. Olds, Fulmer and Heimbach. It is believed that the boy will recover.

-Miss Mary H. Smiley, of New Bloomfield, met with a painful accident recently. While walking on the pavement in front of her home she slipped, and in attempting to prevent a fall she grasped with her right hand a barb on the fence. Unfortunately the barb entered her hand and tore its way out between the second and third fingers, inficting a most painful wound, which required a surgeon's care.

-A special to the Bradford Era says that mayor Rolland, of Franklin, has appointed a committee of councilmen to confer with a syndicate of New York and Erie capitalists, who have under consideration the construction of a railroad between Erie and Falls Creek, including Franklin, Clarion and Brookville, and will connect with the Beech Creek railroad, passing through lands rich in oil, coal and lumber.

-James Champaign, a log driver, while working on Morgan's drive near Lloyd. Tioga county, Sunday afternoon was drowned. He was endeavoring to loosen a log jam, and when the break was made, he was caught and hurled underneath. His body was swept down the stream a half mile, before it was recovered. Champaign was 22 years old. His mother resides at Cedar Run, Lycoming county.

-Over two months ago Gregory Dejario, who conducted a fruit store in Tyrone, was arrested on the charge of attempting to escape paying a bill of \$2,500 for goods which he had purchased from a Philadelphia firm. Dejario secured bail and then skipped out. Tuesday he was arrested at Chicago When the officers attempted to take him. Dejario resisted desperately, he using a revolver, stiletto and a razor. He was finally knocked senseless by the officers. He will be brought to Blair county for trial.

