# Democratice Matchman

### BY P. GRAY MEEK.

Ink Slings.

-There will be no holes in the stockings that will be hung up Sunday night. -In the language of the streets the best

shop lifter certainly is a "jimmy." -The new financial bill went through with a rush and it left a crash in its wake -Don't make your good resolutions too early or you might have them broken before New Years.

-QUAY is still on the outside and every day the chances for his staying there are growing stronger.

-Philadelphia is about the only city that Republican politicians can see on the map these days.

-Yesterday was the shortest day of the year of 1899, but it was quite long enough to be remembered as one of September's best productions dropped at the wane of these figures no one can estimate. Actual December.

-Hadn't KIPLING better pass around the hat again. The list of "absent minded large that their wants will keep several hats moving all the time.

-That Burlington, Vermont, Bishop who died recently; leaving the public to discover that his supposed \$2,000,000 forhave had all the fun of having a millionaire's deference without the annoyance of taking care of such a vast fortune.

-Republican apologists are now saying that the terrible slump in the values of stocks on Monday was due to a money scarcity. O ho! So they admit that money is too scarce, with the very same breath that they approve the passage of a financial bill that is calculated to make it still scarcer.

-MIS. ROY DEVEREUX, the London woman who is a correspondent for the Post of that city, is in America and says that while in the Transvaal, a year ago, she learned that "the best people down there consider KRUGER a fanatic and an ignorant person." What if he is. Such "ignorance" only goes to emphasize JOHN BULL'S stupidity.

-----Representative HALL has been placed and expeditures in the Post Office Department. We venture the assertion that there is not another member on either of these committees who will perform the duties devolving upon him more faithfully and intelligently than will the member from this dispected to do, he does thoroughly and does well.

delphia as the place, and the 17th of June as the time, for holding their convention to re-nominate MCKINLEY



# BELLEFONTE, PA., DEC. 22, 1899.

# The Statesmanship (?) of Expansionists. Amendments Won't Accomplish the Par

pose.

Two weeks ago the WATCHMAN presented figures showing that up to that time our efforts to subjugate the Filipinos, and take control of the Philippine Islands, had cost us over one hundred millions of dollars. How much more, in cold cash, they will cost before we become their possessor and controller, and how much the aftermath of this effort at expansion will add to

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war may be over in a few months, or it may continue for years. At the present rate of expenses, it is adding to that already made, beggars'' in South Africa is growing so a little over one million of dollars each week, and each week that amount is incorrupt one. creasing.

And after we own and control them what then? The expenses of a large standing army to keep these new-made tune really amounted to only \$2.12, must Americans in subjugation will have to be met. Hundreds of officers to oversee and govern them will have to be paid. Native rulers to assist those we send will have to be provided for, and an everlasting and inefforts in this line. creasing pension roll will have to be met,

so that the expenses of this effort at expansion will not cease, even with the end of the war of subjugation. To many these amounts, when put to-

gether, will seem a pretty large sum, for the control of a lot of islands, every foot of present system of voting is a better and the territory of which is owned by individuals and not an acre of which will belong to the government.

In other acquisitions we secured land. homes, thus returning to the government offers for the perpetration of frauds at elecmore than their original cost. But in the tions and wrongs upon the people. Philippines we will have nothing to sell, to get our money back.

A sample of the financial astuteness that ordinary maps are but mere fly specks. is a creation of their imaginative minds, is trict. What JIM HALL undertakes or is ex- strategical points amount to less than fly that disgraces the statute books of any specks. They are inhabited by races of State. untamed and unclothed savages. They do It would be a waste of time to refer, even

> nor will they ever have any. They are a people who use no implefact that their address is but the beginents, for they make or grow nothing that ning of an effort, they intend putting requires implements. They use no furni- forth, to continue the present rotten systure, for they have no homes to put it in. They will buy no clothes, for a full dress amendments to the law now in force. with them consists of a breech-clout. And such purpose ought to be called down at They will take none of our shoes, for they once. It might to some extent secure some wear none. They will require no books, improvement on the present system, befor they cannot read. They will want no cause any change would be an improveiron, for they build nothing. They will ment on that, but it would not insure what make no demand for wheat, for they live on the people of the State want or what is roots, nuts and fruit and a missionary needed to guarantee honest elections. roast when they can catch one to cook. And as it is with food and clothing, iron and machinery, so it will be with everything else we have to sell. Sulu islanders the registry of voters to the certifying of will not want it, because they don't know returns. These changes should be such as what it is for, don't need it, don't use it and could not pay for it if they did, for the every voter ; that will take from the courts simple reason that they have no money, nor do they produce anything with which technical reasons, after it has been named they could pay for it. In fact, the trade of the tramps of this

It is now currently reported and is get-The Philadelphia Ballot Reform Associating to be very generally believed that extion has just given to the public a lengthy Senator QUAY, finding it impossible to semanifesto telling about the needs of recure a seat in the United States Senate form, the great work it has done in that dithrough the appointment by his Governor,

rection, and pointing out how, with a few will withdraw his papers from Washington amendments, the present election law can and request the re-convening of the Legisbe made to work the wonders, it would lature, to try his luck again before that have accomplished, in the matter of securing body. There will be no question about honest elections. In its address it covers this being done if Mr. QUAY desires it. itself all over with glory for the ideas it He can recall the certificate of appointadvanced and the success it met with in ment that was sent to Washington, whensecuring the change from our former simple ever he wishes to, and he owns the Governor and comparatively honest system of voting, of Pennsylvania as absolutely as he does to the present cumbersome, inefficient and the shirt that covers his back. What he wants in this matter will be done, whether

May Prove An Eye Opener.

If it were not for the fact that we know it accords with the will of the people or is that the men belonging to this Association in the interest of the State or not. In are thoroughly honest, not only in their Governor STONE's estimation it is no matdesire for reform, but in their belief that ter what the people of Pennsylvania want. they know exactly how they can secure it, so that Mr. QUAY's interests are cared for we would take it that they are poking fun and Mr. QUAY's desires complied with. at themselves or ironically referring to the And these will control his action in the remiserable failure that has so far met their | convening of the Legislature, whether it costs the taxpayers fifty or five hundred

It is possible for men to be honest and thousand dollars, or even more. to be deceived. And we take it that if there Such is the condition of Pennsylvania are any such in this Commonwealth they politics and such the extent of the political are the men who claim to be the Ballot Re- subserviency of the people that whatever form Association, and who imagine that the the boss' demands are-no matter how outrageous or oppressive they may be-they more honest one than the one it succeeded. go, and that is the end of it.

Surely, no other sane men think so. Nor Last week, in order to escape the expense would these men, if they would acquaint of counsel to argue his claim before the themselves with its practical workings, or Senate committee, he had Attorney General Those lands were sold to our people for open their eyes to the many opportunites it ELKIN appear as the representative of the State, in his behalf, thus saddling upon

the taxpayers of the Common wealth his in-In fact, if they would get down from the dividual expenses, in a case in which the visionary greatness, that their imaginations representatives of these same taxpayers clothe them in, and take a practical lesson turned him down. By the time the peogoverns the craze for expansion, now upon or two from some ordinary politician, who ple get through paying the costs of courts upon the committee of Mines and Mining the administration, is shown in the treaty knows the means that are used and the in trying him for violations of the law, in that secured us the Sulu islands and that methods that are resorted to to accomplish defraying the traveling expenses and board makes us sponsors for the do-less savages, results at elections, he would show them, of attorneys to represent him in Washingand the Malay pirates who use them as in less time than it required to write their ton, and the cost of an extra session of the their hiding places. These islands on the last circular, that the present law, which Legislature in order that his desires may be gratified and his political interests be Their influence on trade or their value as the weakest and worst measure of the kind cared for, they will, at least, be a little wiser if not quite so well off.

What seems strangest to us, in this connection, is that men who claim to have the -The Republicans have fixed Phila- not know what trade is, nor have they any. as we have done in this short space, to the intelligence and independence that the taxaction of these reformers were it not for the payers of Pennsylvania are usually credited Garthoff. with, go on year after year blindly and

The Institute of the Public School Teachers of Centre County.

The Teachers are Having a Successful Week.-All but Six of Them Enrolled.-Good Instructors and Good Entertainments Combine to Make Amusing and Instructive Sessions.

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The fifty-third annual session of the public school teachers of Centre county convened in the court house in Bellefonte, on Monday morning, and the week started off auspiciously with a fair December day and a good attendance. Tuesday was a little disappointing in the weather line but Wednesday the clerk of that department righted things and once again the fair pedagogues were able to go abroad, between sessions, in all the splendour of new gowns; leaving their rainy day skirts to rest peace fully in their trunks.

There was no regular session in the morning, all the time being taken up with enrollment and organization but at 1:30 in the afternoon county superintendent Gramley called his corps to order and they settled down at once to work.

The exercises were opened by singing led by Prof. Philip H. Meyer, of Boalsburg, the well known musical instructor who has very satisfactorily conducted that department for several years. He was asdepartment for several years. He was as-sisted in his efforts to instruct by Miss Helen Bartholomew, of Centre Hall, who presides at the piano, accompanied by W. A. Brown, of Spring Mills, on the cornet. Dr. H. C. Holloway, pastor of the Luth-eran church of Bellefonte, was introduced. He read a Sociationa losson after which he He read a Scripture lesson, after which he offered an earnest prayer.

The officers and committees for this session of institute were then announced as follows :

President .-- C. L. Gramley, county superintendent. Vice presidents.-Miss Bella Rankin,

W. P. Hosterman. Recording secretary.—S. W. Butler. Assistant secretary.—R. D. Foreman.

Enrolling secretaries .- A. C. Thompson, C. A. Auman. Committees : Elections .- T. L. Crust, W. W. Keller, Thos. L. Moore.

Resolutions .- G. W. Andrew, W. H. Limbert, Annie G. Healy, John D. Meyer, K. B. Moomaw.

Auditing accounts.—M. E. Heberling, A. L. Duck, F. M. Emerick, S. T. Williams, L. H. Yocum.

Legislation .- D. M. Wolf, G. W. Andrews, D. O. Etters, H. C. Rothrock, F. A. Foreman, C. E. Hower.

Ushers.-H. E. Yearick, Randall Musser, J. M. Garbrick, Homer Gentzel, W. C. Thompson, C. V. Woodward, George Loy, Robert Herman, J. R. Williams, Willis Eves, M. C. Stover, Charles Reese. Door-keepers .- H. A. Detwill r. J. F.

The first instructor announced was Prof. George P. Bible, principal of the East

#### Spawls from the Keystone

-While Reuben Belias, of Orangeville, Columbia county, was engaged in changing the shafts on a buggy he suddenly droppe l dead.

-Anna, a young daughter of William Hartzel, was suddenly stricken with blindness while at work in the silk mill at Bloomsburg.

- Ex-Governor Beaver delivered an ad dress on "Washington as a private citizen" before the students at Girard College last Thu rsday evening.

-Governor Stone has reappointed C. K. Sober game commissioner. Mr, Sober was appointed for the three year term by Governor Hasting, and he is the proper person for the position

-Judge Mayer has handed down an opinion in the excessive fee case of Lycoming county vs ex-prothonotary Hopkins. The decision awards Hopkins \$1,060. The award is received with satisfaction by Mr. Hopkins.

-John C. Miller, 83 years old, of Cherry Springs, near Coudersport, is dying of blood poisoning. While using a jack to remove his boots, one of them slipped and a nail in its heel scratched a toe on the other foot.

-Nellie Wolf, a dining room girl at the Gamble house, Jersey Shore, who had been in a cataleptic slumber from Sunday night December 3rd, until Saturday evening, Dec. 9th, awoke then and is now as wide awake as anybody.

-Fire of supposed incendiary origin totally destroyed the large saw and bone mills located on the Conewago Creek, near New Oxford York county, and owned by Captain A. W. Eichelberger, of Hanover. The loss is estimated at \$3,000.

-Mayor Nichols, of Wilksbarre, has notified his policemen that he would discharge the whole force if they did not enforce the law against violators of the liquor law, who, he said, comprised three-fourths of those engaged in the traffic in that city.

-At the December term of the Pike county courts, County Surveyor Westbrook, who was elected prothonotary, resigned the former office and Judge Purdy appointed Frank Schorr, secretary of the Democratic county committee, to fill the vacancy.

-The Harter brothers, lumberman, have purchased of Joel Baily, of Philadelphia, a tract of 4016 acres of timber land in Little Sugar Valley, Centre county, for \$10,000. The purchasers will at once begin lumbering operations on the tract.

-At Jersey Shore Monday while Jennie Bower, a domestic, was working in the woodshed near the house, a bullet struck her in the right arm. The wound is not a serious one. The bullet came from a Flobert rifle in the hands of Fred Lentz, who was practicing in a lot near by.

-William Kearon, of Harwood, an ex-gunner in the United States navy, is organizing a company of volunteers to go to South Africa and fight with the Boers. He says he has been commissioned to form a force 300 strong and has already secured seventeen men in Harwood alone.

-The brick block of Mrs. Carrie Sypher, on Main street, Jersey Shore, was badly damaged by fire Sunday afternoon, and the occupants of the building. M. L. Staver. insurance agent, and P. O. Buck, merchant tailor, both suffered considerable loss from flames and water. -The new Catholic church at Spangler was dedicated with imposing ceremonies Sunday. The services were in charge of Right Rev. Leander Schneer, O. S. B., archabbott of St. Vincent, assisted by numerous visiting priests. The sermon was preached by Rev. P. Edward O. S. B., St. Vincent college. -Michael Bonnell, of Waterville, Lycom ing county, was found dead in bed Monday morning, death being due to apoplexy. He was a veteran of the Civil war, having served three years and participated in twentythree engagements. He served as postmaster for twenty years, his first appointment being made by President Grant.

imperialism, trusts and expansion. It is probable that the Democrats will hold their convention a few weeks earlier. They will nominate the candidate who will be the next President of the United States, and this, without doubt, if the trusts and the new currency bill get in their work properly.

-The passing of the new Republican financial bill that went through the House on Monday, with every Republican vote and those of a few fool Democrats, had its echo on Wall street where one hundred million dollars were lost in stocks. Secretary of the Treasury GAGE had to go to the rescue of his banking and brokering friends, in order to hold up their heads under this first blow that Republican-expansion in land, contraction in moneypolicy has given the business of the country.

-The killing of Gen. LAWTON, the bravest and most intrepid of our commanders in the Philippines, within fifteen miles of Manila, seems to indicate that the war isn't as near over as the expansionists would have us believe. They realize that things must be made look very rosy, if Mr. McKINLEY is to be re-elected and have been doing their best to shed the brighest rays on the situation possible, but the death of Gen. LAWTON, so near to Manila and when "the war is practically over," will cast a shadow of awful portend on their hopes.

-The press censors in Manila are certainly not being watched close enough by the administration. Just when the Mc-KINLEYists had about deceived the people into believing that the Filipino war is over here comes the shocking announcement of Gen. LAWTON's being killed within fifteen miles of Manila, and the news of an almost successful attempt the rebels had made to capture our new navy yard and arsenal at Cavite. Surely there is something wrong. The administration censor will be decapitated for leaving such bits of information of the true situation in the Philippines leak-out.

-Every man who was elected to Congress last fall, by the Democrats of Pennsylvania, voted solidly against the Republican bill to contract the currency of the country. For this action they deserve the thanks and are entitled to the respect of every man who is interested in the welfare of his conntry. They did all in their power to stay a money panic and to prevent a scarcity of currency that will bring ruin to many and distress to all, but they were out-voted and the consequence that will follow legislation energy in its management. that is designed purposely to benefit a few, must fall solely upon the heads of Republicluded, voted for the bill.

country, or that of the impecunious inmates fy voting so that every citizen can cast his of our pauper houses, would be a bonanza in comparison with that of the Sulu will insure the secrecy of the ballot and island.

And yet for the glory of governing these people, without a return of any kind, except the promise that the United States flag shall be allowed to float over the Sultan's harem and the wooden gods his heathen voting. subjects worship, Mr. McKINLEY has bargained to pay the sum of \$13,920 yearly and to "respect and defend the rights, dignities and customs of the Sultan and his Dalos." And these "rights" are to have as many wives as their beastly passions desire ; their "dignities" consist of wearing a

breech-clout as a full dress and their "customs" cover all manner of privileges, from owning and holding slaves to roasting and eating missionaries.

And this treaty is called statesmanship. It is of the same kind that has spent a hundred million of dollars and sacrificed thousands upon thousands of precious lives to subjugate and control the Filipino people.

-----There is nothing like an eclipse to make people look up.

-Always ahead of all the rest the Philadelphia Record Almanac has come to of its publisher, and Messrs. Rowell & Co. our desk, teeming with its weight of salient have no more business to publish anyinformation. The Record Almanac's value thing about it-unless they are its recogis not to be measured by the number of pages it contains, for its conciseness and rare adaptability to everyday wants make the 134 pages in it as useful as some cumbersome books of the same sort that contain a thousand or more. The Almanac, like the Record, speaks of new life and new only by the audacity shown in their attempt

-The teachers might at least have ex- the different newspapers of the United can Representatives. Every Republican plained why they voted down the school States. Of all the publications of the kind Congressman from this State, McALEER in- children's offering to the Curtin monument issued it is the most unreliable and unfair Wall street on its first appearance in the cial. Miss Patridge was a favorite here fund.

bigotedly voting for a p tem of voting by making a few minor lican party does.

To make certain of this, our whole rotten system must be abandoned and radical changes made in election methods from will require the personal registration of the power to revise or change a ticket, for at the primaries ; that will make bribery in the booths impossible ; that will simpliballot correctly without assistance; that finally, that will guarantee a correct and

prompt return of the vote. These are the changes we need, and they are changes that can never be secured by any amendment to our present system of

That the men who constitute the Ballot Reform Association deserve credit for their intentions no one will deny, but after the experience we have had under the law they formulated and forced upon us in 1893, the people may well pray to be spared the infliction of other election laws emanating from the same source.

-That annual newspaper black-mailer,

known as Rowell's American Newspaper Directory, is sending out its demands again for information as to the business of each individual publisher throughout the country. For years this firm of advertising leeches, that puts out this publication, has been holding the press of the country up threatening that if affidavits as to the circulation of each paper are not furnished them, they will fix and publish it at such figures as they see proper. The circulation of any publication is the private property nized representatives-than we have to attempt to tell the public the amount of their bank account. And this demand on their part, to know the circulation of newspapers that do not want their business, is a bit of impudence that is equaled to pass upon advertisers their publication, as a reliable directory of the circulation of

to both advertisers and publishers.

imposes upon, them as Mr. QUAY'S Repub-

# Hit the Right Spot First.

New York brokers have been the loudest standard and the withdrawal of the green back currency from circulation. On

Monday the Republicans in Congress passed their currency bill, which includes these two features, and Wall street securities and speculative stocks shrunk, in listed value, over one hundred millions of dollars in less time than it took Congress to pass the bill. well Brokers offered as high as 115 per cent. for money to tide them over the panic, but could not secure it and to-day many men who were in comfortable circumstances on Monday morning, and who thought the gold standard a great thing, are financial wrecks. While the effects of "single standard" legislation struck the right spot first, and the country has little reason to mourn over Wall street's losses, it is sure

to settle down, sooner or later, in the same effective manner, upon every interest, every industry and every enterprise in the country, except that of speculators in money. They are the ones who will benefit by the

contraction of the currency. The people are the ones who will suffer.

# When to Begin.

It is a great fight that is on in this State between the Independent Republicans and Mr. QUAY as to who will control the next Legislature-great because of the bitterness

there is in it and great because of the blowing there is about it. What will be the result no one can foretell as no one knows what practical efforts the Independents will put forth, and without systemized, practical work, all their labor will be in

If they begin at the bottom, where they should, and see that honest election officers are chosen in Philadelphia and Pittsburg, at the February elections, so that an honest count of the vote will be insured in November, they will hold the key to the situation. If they fail to do this they may as well "hang their harps on the willow" and prepare to mourn over lost hopes, and wasted opportunities for the next five vears.

There is a time for all things, and the time for the Independents to lay the founda- laughable veneer he gave to his theme. tion for success is when the election boards, that control the voting and makea return of the vote, are chosen.

Are they wise enough to realize this fact?

gold standard gave the money sharks of and spelling methods were highly benefiring on Monday last.

Stroudsburg Normal school. Mr. Bible is an old Centre county boy and was given a warm welcome on taking the platform. His subject was "School Management"

which he handled in an able manner other times during the sessions Prof. Bible has talked on various topics pertaining to school room regulations and best methods yelpers in the country for the single gold of imparting and impressing knowledge on the part of teachers.

Dr. M. G. Benedict, formerly of State College, but now of New Britain, Conn., was then introduced. His subject was an interesting one, "Man Hidden in the Heart." Dr. Benedict is one of the ablest men who have ever talked to Centre county teachers and his talks during the week on psychology and philosophy have been worth the attention they received. But they are naturally along such deep lines that only the more mature minds have the proper conception of their mean-

# TUESDAY'S SESSIONS.

At the Tuesday sessions Prof. Bible, Dr. Benedict and Prof. A. W. Hawks, of Baltimore, again took up the threads of their thoughts of the preceding day. A portion of Prof. Bible's talk is so pertinent to the matter of low pay for teachers in Centre county primary schools that it is worthy serious thought.

He showed the advance made in all lines of science, trade, invention etc., and argued that education was not and should not be behind the rest. There are some methods used in the schools which should not be iscarded. Mental arithmetic has been thrown out which he believed to be a mistake. He spoke of the mistake made by directors in paying highest salaries to teachers in the High schools where they

had the fewest pupils, and paying the low-est prices to teachers of primary grades where they have the most pupils. No teacher can teach 80 pupils at \$30.00 per month and accomplish much. He advocated more teachers and extended the hope that there would be an Executive some day who would not cut down the school appropriation. He closed by advocating the back hand or vertical style of penman-

ship. The committees on elections then reported the following nominations for officers for the ensuing year. Vice presidents—H. C. Rothrock, of

Millheim ; G.(W. Andrews, Philipsburg ; Sarah E. Bechdel, Howard ; Alice K. Dorworth, College Boro. Recording secretary-M. 'E. Heberling, Pine Grove Mills; S. T. Brooks, Spring township. Assistant secretary-Harry Crain, Rush ownship ; D. K. Keller, of Potter town-

Tuesday evening Prof. Hawks entertained a large audience with his lecture on "People I Have met." It fairly sparkled with wit, down under which a good lesson in character was to be learned by those who followed him deeper into it than the

WEDNESDAY.

The Wednesday sessions were a continuation of the work of the preceding ones. Two new instructors were introduced in Miss Lelia Patridge, of Philadelphia, and Dr. C. W. Heisler, president of the Susquehanna University, whose en--It was a solar-plexus blow that the tertaining talks on pedagogy, child study,

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-Isaac Birrillo, who was convicted at the November term of court for the murder of his wife at Blossburg on July 5th. by setting fire to her clothes and holding her hands while she burned, was brought into court at Wellsboro Friday for sentence. Before Judge Mitchell pronounced his doom Birrillo protested his innocence. He received his sentence of death with composure.

-At Renovo Monday morning Harry, the 8-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Marshall Brown, with several companions climbed up the steepest part of the mountain opposite Fifteenth street. Suddenly Harry stumbled and he tumbled head over heels to the bottom, a distance of over 200 feet. His skull was fractured. When picked up he was unconscious. His recovery is doubtful.

-Sheriff Farnsworth and deputy Sheriff Stevens returned Friday night with Roy Deziel and James McCormick, who escaped from the county jail at Coudersport Thursday night. The men were recaptured, after a desperate fight, in a "pig's ear" near Costello, and in the struggle McCormick's face and head were badly braised. The officers were guided in the pursuit by tracks in the snow

-Herbert Wilson, a justice of the peace and school teacher, of Barree township, Hunt. ingdon county, has left for parts unknown. He was a collector of the delinquent county tax in his township certified out by the coun ty treasurer, in which he is a defaulter to the amount of \$600 to \$800. The county commissioners promptly notified his bondsmen of the fact that they would be expected to make good the deficit, and they took charge of his unfinished collections.

-The Philadelphia and Reading railway is experimenting with a device for ridding smoking cars of smoke. The idea is in the shape of a fan. There are three of them and they are similiar to electric fans. They have two blades and are worked by an air wheel which is stationed on the roof of the car. The faster the car moves the greater the speed of the fan, and a continuous circulation is kept up which forces the smoke out through the ventilators or rear windows of the car. These fans are now being experimented with on some of the through cars between Philadelphia and Pottsville, and results have been very satisfactory.