Democratic Hatchman.

BY P. GRAY MEEK.

Ink Slings.

He rolled out in a horseless carriage, His fiance he was going to meet: Her pet bull dog was not for their marriage And he rolled back on a seatless se

-The six week's sway of the groundhog ended last Friday and, like a dying mule, the marmot prognosticator kicked in all directions.

-With a few rays of sunshine, many skurrying showers, with frequent snows and gusty blows, March welcomes the spring flowers.

-In China they ram bank defaulters into a big cannon and shoot them against the Great Wall, until they look like an over-ripe tomato that has been pasted up against the garden fence. In America we have to catch them first.

-The "Two Johns" was once very popular as a farce comedy all over the country, but we'll bet its palmiest days wouldn't be a marker to the business that could be done in the blue grass country with a melo-drama of the two Govs.

-If the women keep on flaring their skirts at the bottom there will be nothing It was hard enough to keep off those demitrains when they were worn behind only, within a radius of five feet.

-The announcement that President Mc-KINLEY is to act as professor of law in the new American University has too much them. of the "maybe" about it to be taken seriously. There are too great conditions to be overcome before such a rumor could be realized by the fact and they are these: First, the American University has to be have to study up a little law.

-The good Methodist brethren in session at Hazleton washed their hands clean of responsibility for the policy of Dr. SWAL-Low's Pennsylvania Methodist. The preacher editor has become most too much of a free lance and a trifle too honest for some of those dyed in the wool old Methodists who imagine that the world would stop going round were it not for the Republican party and the Methodist church.

-The Philadelphia Inquirer thinks that Bishop POTTER "sees a new light" in the Philippine situation, merely because that eminent divine has recently expressed the opinion that expansion is right. Now it might all be true that Bishop POTTER has seen "a new light" but if it shows up the expansion theory in a favorable light to him all we have to say is that he didn't have his lamps trimmed and burning during his recent visit to the Philippines.

in South Africa JOHN BULL may well resort to passing around the hat for TOMMY ATKINS' widow. This is only part of the terrible price England will have to pay in human blood for the extinction of two small struggling Republics. And this great civilized, christian world stands with hands folded while the slaughter goes on and the sands of South Africa and the Philippines are being bespattered with the blood of thousands of innocent, faithful soldiers.

-The chickens of our peace conference with Spain in Paris last year are just coming home to roost. It is now discovered that our commission, in addition to paying Spain \$20,000,000 for the Philippines, which were ours by right of conquest, they agreed to pay all just claims for Spanish wantonness in the islands. Now these claims are beginning to come in and aside from the fact that they are likely to run up into the hundreds of millions we have to have a special court of adjudication for them at an annual cost of \$50,000. This of the practical work of the organization in expansion business is coming high, but the the State and counties waken up to the President says we must have it.

-The Supreme courts decision, sustaining the constitutionality of the Texas antitrust law, will prove fitting grave-clothes for the Republican movement to hide the trust issue behind a proposed amendment to the constitution. To protect the people against trusts the constitution don't need to be tinkered with. All that is wanted is to put men in power who will pass the necessary laws and thus enforce them, to accomplish this. This the Supreme court has decided. It is what the Republican party fears and fails to do, and it is the issue it will have to meet. There can be no more dodging this question.

-The millionaire members of the United States Senate must imagine that all of the poor souls who pay the taxes and bear the burdens of government are as blest with this world's goods as they are themselves. On Tuesday there was not a dissenting voice to the proposition that voted each Senator a messenger at a salary of \$1,440 a year. When it is considered that the government already pays \$1,500 a year for a private secretary for each of its money-bag members of the upper house of Congress, provides them with a barber shop at which they get shaved for nothing and furnishes all manner of other little necessaries that promoting edition last week that was a the taxpayer has to pay for himself, it ap- credit to editor SAVAGE and set forth in an pears as if our plutocratic Senate has fallen a prey to the idea that the willing horse vantages of the place. Clearfield has beshould be worked to death. What Senators come wonderfully progressive of late. The need with \$1,440 messengers no one seems to know. Those of them who have im- that hung to it for years, and bids fair to portant committee positions are already become one of the active manufacturing provided with such servants, but the ones centres of this section. It certainly has adthem also, to assist in the arduous work of its neighbors and that makes the wonder



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When the contending factions in the

ask a re-election to the United States Sen-

it was two years ago, and from present in- GOLDEN. dications is prepared to go farther to ac-

complish his defeat than it was then. -With sixteen thousand dead soldiers indications give little promise of even an again take charge of the affairs of the State. An honest and fair fusion would sweep carried out it would give to the combined opposition to QUAY entire control of the Legislature and to the State the assurance

> honest elections, and fair taxation. lieve the people of the incubus and the years. In fact may never again be presented, and it is our plain duty as Democrats to take advantage of it now.

> Will those who are carrying the flags for the Democratic procession and have charge offered them now. The people are ready for any movement that will crush the machine. direct the masses in the proper course?

A grave responsibility rests upon them now. Will they size up to the situation?

-SAM G. HAMILTON, writing from Eustis, Florida, to the Altoona Tribune says that orange growing on that peninsula is forever ended. He attributes it to changing climate, caused by the devastation of the great protecting pine forests that once stood across the northern boundary of the State. As the saw mill cree ps further south the frosts and snows follow and he predicts that it will not be many years until sleighing parties will be one of the regular season's sports at Jacksonville. It seems almost incredible that seventy-five years ago all the oranges grown in the South were raised in the country between Charleston. S. C., and Savannah, Ga. It is none the less true and is a sad reminder of the folly ot forest destruction.

-The Clearfield Public Spirit issued a attractive manner, the manufacturing adtown has shaken off that business inertia who have nothing to do must now have vantages in natural resources over many of waken up years ago.

to hold primaries hang to their former pre- from it, will stand forever in the shadow of dilections, as have those that have already the gallows and their followers be known held them, there will be but little chance of as men who, to secure a political victory, the success of Mr. QUAY when he comes to would encourage conspiracy and condone assassination.

Four weeks ago the QUAY newspapers plot to steal the State from the Democracy, were boasting that their wing of the party and if necessary to the success of the was just wiping up the political floor with scheme assassinate the Democratic Goverleft for men to do but get up in the air. the antis. That was just after the first nor-elect, tells how trains were chartered batch of primaries had been held and Mer- and paid for, and who by, how arms and cer county had been captured by them. It ammunition were furnished and the board but now that they have got them before and don't look that way now, however. On and expenses of desperate men paid to go to on both sides there is room for nothing else | Saturday last a number of counties made | the State Capital to thwart investigation and their nominations, and there were no sweep- intimidate the Legislature and the courts: ing majorities, nor overwhelming senti- how conferences of leading Republicans were ment expressed for either side in any of held at which the murder of GOEBEL was discussed and agreed upon; how the first So far the primaries of that party have plan to create a riot in the Senate and do been held in fourteen counties. In these the killing while it was in progress was the only changes that have been made, given up because of the danger in which when comparison is had with two years the leaders of the riot would be placed; how ago, are in Mercer, Armstrong, Lackawan- afterwards a poor wretch who had been hirbuilt. Second, President McKinley would na and Franklin. The former changed its ed before to do murder was induced to two representatives from anti-QUAY to come to Frankfort for a money considera-QUAY, while in the three latter a gain of tion and the promise of immunity from arone member in each was made against him. rest and a previous pardon by the Republi-So that up to this time every indication can Governor to do the deed; how he was points to a condition of affairs in the next | concealed in the office of a Republican state Legislature very similar to that which ex- official until an opportunity offered to comisted throughout the entire session of the mit the crime; how he was protected by last one. Mr. QUAY will have a majority the state militia under order of Republican of the Republican caucus and can make state officers and was sent home gloating himself the nominee of his party for the over the success of the job, with the blood United States Senate, but there his power money in his pocket, is all laid bare by a will end. The opposition to him is bitter- conscience stricken participator, a sergeant er and more determined against him than of the militia and a Republican named

It is the uncovering of a conspiracy such as has never blackened the political record Whether or not advantage will be taken of any party, or disgraced and dishonored of the conditions that exist in the Repub- the government of any State. A Republilican party, and a fusion of Democrats and can conspiracy to maintain office and conanti-QUAY Republicans be made in the trol power and patronage, and one, which, counties in which the QUAY element has unless we are greatly disappointed in the been successful, is not known. It should spirit of the people of Kentucky, will make be, but we are free to confess that present useless forever the efforts of that party to

It is the exposition of a crime that will make every Southern State solidly Demofrom Mr. QUAY's clutches a number of the cratic for years to come, and should bring counties in which he has been able to dic- the blush of shame to any man living tate the nominees for Legislature. In fact, North or South who is identified with the if systematically attempted and honestly party that seeks benefit through such pathways or would hold power by such means.

-The new editor of the Republican had of such Legislation as would stay the work his first coat of fresh paint rubbed off on of the machine, and secure laws under Friday morning. It must have been very which we could have honest registration. funny to see editor HARRIS up against his first case of real trouble, but if reports be This is a big stake to play for, and it is true he handled it like a past-master. He well worth the risk and effort it would re- took the bull by the hours as it came in quire. Another such an opportunity to re- and gave its tail a twist as it went out. Thus while Rev. SHELDON was showing the disgrace of machine rule may not come for people in one end of the land how "JESUS would run a paper" editor HARRIS was showing those in another how JIM JEF-FRIES would do it.

Rev. Sheldon and the Jesus Paper.

Rev. SHELDON has had his week of news paper work and is doubtless glad it is over. situations? There are great opportunities Swinging into the tail of his novel excursion into the field of journalism now comes the opinions upon its effect. Some are They will follow any road that leads to this good, some are bad; the latter apparently end. Will those who are entrusted with are preponderating. No matter what the leadership lead the right way? Will they consensus may be, in our judgment, such an effort can not but have scattered broadcast seeds for good. A single thought or act reflected in type before the world's eve is freighted with good and if Rev SHELDON'S week of labor caused one christian reader to stop and think a moment over his moral and spiritual self it did good, even more good than many men and many papers ac-

omplish during their entire career. Of course as to the example of a human attempt to do a thing as the Saviour would do it Rev. Sheldon's work is worthless and his idea of even associating the personality of the Divine Being with a newspaper enterprise is looked upon by some as sacrilegious presumption. We do not believe that the latter is the case, however, for the Topeka minister is eminently a christian man, his work as an author is incontrovertible evidence of his intelligence and force and his quiet refusal of all manner of flattering offers to make a public exhibit of himself on the lecture platform convinces us that he is not a seeker after notoriety, but that in the zeal of his daily up manfully and been downed himself by effort for good he thought that perhaps a revolution could be worked in civilization's it to him, when it got the chance, to repay greatest agent, the press. In this he was him for the lost time and money expendmistaken. A legitimate newspaper is es- ed in leading its forlorn hope. sentially an agent of good morals, but it is also a newspaper. And any attempt to his appointment and as sure him run a newspaper without the news would that he will have the cordial prove as futile as the frequent cases of run- support of the WATCHMAN in every efcivilization cannot go on without a thor- affairs, and to lighten the burdens that

but vice that is concealed can never be The New Diocese Will Not Be Form It is dangerously near the hanging line subverted. The vast majority of papers Republican party figure up the losses and that the Republican procession in Kentucky actually strive to promote the moral welains that each have to point to, so far in finds itself to-day. Nearer than decent peo- fare of the community in which they cirtheir contest in this State, they will discov- ple in that party believed it would go, and culate, they are invariably arrayed against er that neither has much to boast of. Up much nearer than the public generally had wrong in every sphere of life and their to the present honors and successes are any idea it would venture. But it is there daily or weekly endeavors is for good. about even, and if the counties that are yet now, and its leaders, it they don't dangle Only the comparatively few have abandoned a high moral tone and sunk to the hellish work of feeding depraved minds with foul stories and vulgar pictures. These are the ones against which Rev. SHELDON should direct a crusade. Wipe their The confession of one of the men in the filthy pages from the news stands and mails and when you come to the summing up you will find that the real newspapers will have a mighty balance on the credit side of the good ledger.

Making Place for More Toll Takers.

We do not believe they will succeed in deceiving the plain people or make them believe that it is dealing harshly with a people to collect a trifling duty on their goods and then hand the money collected back to them.—Philadelphia Press, March 17.

After you have read the foregoing paragraph and thoroughly digested it, won't you, just for your own satisfaction, try to magine the sense there is in a policy that roposes collecting "a trifling duty" on goods imported from Porto Rico simply for the purpose of "handing the money collect- the question, or that he was not opposed to ed back" to the people from whom it was a division, because his advancing

Governmental policies usually have some new proposition. An original idea in the division of the diocese or ection of a tax simply to return it to those rom whom it was taken.

And for what? That is the question. A ax collected on Porto Rican importations, and handed back, would protect no individual, industry or enterprise in this country. It would in no way relieve or benefit he people of Porto Rico. It would add othing to the public income nor would it stimulate business either at home or on the ittle island to which the policy is to be ap-

What then is its purpose? made for love or patriotism. It is not a of custom houses, public store and govermental ware houses, and the payment of the salaries of the swarms of appraisers, clerks, inspectors, weighers, watchmen, do the work, costs money. In many instances it costs more than the money col-

ected amounts to And it might prove so in the Porto Rican ease. But whether it would or not, have we not good reasons to believe that the underlying reason for this new and startlingly strange departure in governmental purposes, s designed more to make places and fat snaps for political heelers than for any other purpose?-To furnish a governmental mile and toll takers through the operations of which the fattening process of Republican office holders can be carried on at the expense of a struggling and helpless people.

Surely there can be no other object than this in the policy announced. And it is for the "plain people" to say whether or not such a policy becomes a great government. such as we believe we have, and whether they will approve and endorse it by their support of an administration that originates and attempts to enforce it.

The New Commissioner.

On Monday last Judge Love announced the appointment of ABRAM V. MILLER as County Commissioner to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Mr. RIDDLE. This appointment is equivalent to an election and will entitle him to the honors, the emoluments and the troubles of the office. for the full term for which Mr. RIDDLE was elected last fall. As to Mr. MILLER's fitness for the place or the kind of a Commissioner he is likely to prove, we have neither criticism to offer nor predictions to make. He has the appointment, the office is his, and we only hope that he may prove one of the best officials the county has ever had, for that will be for the county's benefit, as well as to his own credit.

That he was deserving of the appointment as political pay for the service he has rendered his party, and particularly that faction of it that looks to Judge Love for its political guidance, there is no question. In season and out of season he has done what he could to down Democracy. He has stood it on several occasions, and his party owed

We congratulate Mr. MILLER upon ing churches without Christ that we see. fort he may make to reduce expenditures, The broadening, enlightening work of to economize in the management of county Some of it may be unwholesome 'tis true, the county.

There Will Be No Division-The Protests of Priests Probably The Cause.

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It was officially announced on Thursday that the proposed division of the Pittsburg diocese of the Roman Catholic church had been indefinitely postponed, or, in other words' abandoned. The information will be of interest not only to the people of the diocese in general, but particularly to those of the mountain district of the diocese, composed of the counties situated up in the mountains. The new diocese was to have been called the Altoona diocese, Altoona having been selected as the seat of government for the new diocese.

The project for a new diocese in the mountains meant more than a division of the Pittsburg diocese. It affected also the diocese of Harrisburg, and for a time it was believed that the Erie diocese would be affected by the change. It was proposed to take the counties of Cambria. Huntingdon, Somerset, Bedford and Blair from the Pittsburg diocese and the counties of Centre, Clinton and Fulton from Har-risburg diocese. The latter is not considered a wealthy diocese and the loss of the three counties was to have been compen-sated by the addition to it of Schuylkill and Carbon counties, taken from the archidiocese of Philadelphia.

The Pittsburg diocese is very extensive and when the project for a division was under consideration, it was said that Bishop Richard Phelan would not take sides on made it difficult for him to attend to the duties of such an extensive diocese. Howcovermental policies usually have some ever, the strongest objections came from the priests themselves, especially those in the country parishes. They held that the some end to accomplish and that end is creation of a new diocese would prevent them from getting desirable charges in the generally believed to be for the good of the cities or big boroughs. Whether their oppeople in some way or other. But here is position was the chief factor in postponing governmental work. The levying and col- whether there were more weighty reasons, is not known, but it was given out on Thursday that there is to be no division.

The diocese, as at present constituted, at one time consisted of two dioceses, they being known as the Pittsburg diocese and the Allegheny diocese, the chief church of the latter being St. Peter's, on Ohio street, Allegheny.

Scale Adjusted.

An Increase of Wages is Granted the Bitumin

After a two-day deadlock on the scale question the miners and operators reached peaceful agreement at Altoona, Saturday The collection of custom duties is not afternoon, when a scale was adopted for the current year, beginning April 1st. It is as follows: The price of pick mining to be 60 cents

per gross ton, or its equivalent, 531 per net

ton. Machine los ding to be five ninths of the pick mining price, 33 5-6 cents per gross ton, or its equivalent, 30 cents per net ton. Machine cutting and scraping to workmen and collectors, that it requires to be advanced the same percentage of increase paid for pick mining namely, 20 per cent. Drivers now receiving less than \$2 per day to be advanced to \$2.25 per day. Drivers now receiving \$2 per day or over to be advanced 20 per cent. All other labor employed in or outside of mines engaged in the production of or handling of coal to be advanced 20 per cent, including existing dead work. When authorized the operator will make such collections through his office as the employes may agree upon. all other conditions are to remain as they now exist. This means that no general dead work scale will be granted, no thick and thin differential scale introduced, or any regulation made in regard to the

hours to be worked each day. In addition to an increase of wages all around the miners have been granted the check-off, which is probably the greatest concession. This is only in effect at a few mines and it means, that a check-weighman will be placed on every tipple.

In accordance with the power vested in them by their respective organizations the members of the joint scale committee signed the agreement at the Logan House late Saturday afternoon and that ended the wage question for a year. There was no tors is that they meet in joint conference in Altoona on the second Thursday of March, 1901.

Sheldon too Radical.

Owners of the Topeka "Capital" Decide not to

TOPEKA. Kan., March 16.-The stockholders of the "Capital" held a secret meeting yesterday afternoon to consider the advisability of continuing the paper as a Christian daily. It was decided that the continuance of such a paper as Mr. Shellosing venture.

F. O. Popence, the principal stockholder said afterward that it had never been his intention to try to follow the Sheldon plan yet he desires to conduct the paper on high- thieves secured in all not less than \$5,000. er lines and make of it a publication that Lea, Kelley and Fowler were given a hearwill be welcomed in any Christian home, ing at Altoona before United States Commisgiving all the news of the world and eliminating bad news and objectionable adver-tisements. This is the scheme as agreed upon. General Hudson will remain in editorial control, but Popenoe expects to have stages of development for distribution among the authority to employ a managing editor the public schools of the State. The object to censor all news. He hopes to hold many in preparing this series is primarily to give Sheldon subscribers and foreign advertisers under this arrangement.

The "Capital" will continue as heretofore the Republican organ of Kansas and all matter of a socialistic trend, such as culture and protection. The embryos in the was exploited prominently in the Sheldon edition, will be eliminated.

-FRANK HARRIS is having troubles of his own in Clearfield county where he superintendent of education at Harrisburg. wants to be renominated for the Legislature. He was an out and out QUAY man during the last session, he is a QUAY man drawing salaries. And the masses foot the all the greater as to why Clearfield didn't ough dissemination of the news of the world. rest upon the shoulders of the taxpayers of still, and for that reason it looks as though cations must be made immediately to insure he might be out of the next session.

Spawls from the Keystone.

-While wrestling with a comrade recently Neimond, son of J. N. Keller, of Mifflintown, fell and dislocated his right ankle.

-Jacob Frank died at his home in Howe township, Perry county, on Sunday, March 4th. He was in the 91st year of his age.

-The streets of New Bloomfield, Perry county, will be lighted by electricity during the ensuing year. Two additional lights will be put in position.

-Milton Piper, who is employed at Luther's planing mill, at Patton, had the misfortune to get his left hand caught in one of the machines, badly lacerating that member.

-A new postoffice has been established in Perry county. It is named Olmsted and is ocated in Buffalo township. The office will be opened on April 1st. Horace M. Bair is the postmaster.

-The building occupied by Emerald hose company at Ridgway, was destroyed by fire Sunday. The firemen succeeded in getting their carts and hose out, but the uniforms, billiard tables and furniture were burned.

-E. L. Ettla, of C.earfield, a representative of the Clearfield Brick company, was arrested at Shamokin Friday charged with conspiracy in connection with the councilmanic bribery cases. He furnished \$500

-David Geiswhite, a blacksmith at Eastville, near Loganton, was making a wedge Saturday morning with an axe. The axe slipped and struck Mr. Geiswhite on the left hand. The thumb was nearly severed. A physician dressed the injury, it requiring eleven stitches to close the wound

-Joseph Barta, aged 30, was killed, and Joseph Severka, aged 26, fatally injured on the railroad near Greensburg, Saturday night. The men were caught by an engine and rolled nearly 200 feet underneath the engine. The bodies were found wrapped around the axles.

-Mr. Robert Weicht, of Everett, had the misfortune a few days ago to break his right arm. He was doing some work about the barn and fell from the hayloft. Mr. Weicht has been particularly unfortunate in this direction, as this makes the second time he

has suffered a fracture of the right arm. -Miss Michael, of Everett, met with a very painful accident a few days ago. While engaged in working about the stove, she accidentally stepped upon a piece of coal, and losing her balance was thrown with her face against the hot stove. A badly burned face and an ugly cut on her lip was the result.

-A dispatch from Harrisburg states that William I. Schaffer, of Media, has accepted Governor Stone's tender of the position of supreme court reporter, and his appointment will probably be formally announced on Wednesday. Mr. Schaffer will take the place of Major Wilson C. Kress, of Lock Haven, who was appointed by Governor Hastings on March 21st, 1895, for the full term of five years. The position is worth \$3,000 a year.

-Fred Keller, son of Richard Keller in the sixth ward, Tyrone, was playing with a 32-calibre revolver Friday when the weapon was accidentally discharged. The bullet ploughed a hole in the end of the little finger of one of his hands and went through the fleshy part of the hand near the wrist. No bones were injured, but the lad, who is eight

hand for awhile. -A wealthy resident of Cortland, N. Y., attempted suicide in the village of McLean a few months ago, but failed to accomplish his object, and, repenting, called in a physician. The latter rendered all necessary services, both medical and surgical, and saved the man's life. Later the physician sued his patient for \$10.000, claiming that the man's life, which he had saved, was worth that amount. The claim of \$10,000 was not allowed, but the plaintiff was awarded \$900.

-The opening of the handsome new First Presbyterian church at Altoona took place Sunday, the services being conducted by the pastor, Rev. J. W. Bain, assisted by Rev. Joseph H. Mathers, of Bellwood, and Rev. Wm. M. Decker, of Lewistown. The offerings at the morning and evening services to pay off the debt on the church amounted to \$12,000, the entire sum required. The church and ground represent an investment of \$75,-000. The organ, the gift of Andrew Carnegie, cost \$5,000.

-Rather than to submit to arrest. Charles Green, of Canton, Thursday night ran away from officer McCraney in a half dressed condition, and almost perished from exposure. When the officer went to Green's house to arrest him on the charge of larceny need for a joint conference afterwards and Green was in bed. After putting on his none was held. One of the provisions of shirt and trousers he made a dash for liberty, the agreement between miners and opera- with the officer in pursuit. In order to escape Green waded through a creek in his bare feet, the ice cold water reaching to his hips. Friday morning he was found lying in a clump of bushes, nearly dead from exposure.

-A band of eight postoffice robbers have just been run to earth by postoffice inspectors Dickison and Gregory after a year's chase. Three are in jail at Altoona-George A. Lea, Edward Kelley, and John Fowler-while the others are confined in various western Pennsylvania jails. Nine robberies are charged against them, among them those at don conducted would be a mistake and a Barnesboro, Spangler and Hastings, Cambria county, Natrona, Allegheny county, and California, Washington, county. The robberies were noted for boldness and the sioner MacLeod.

-The Pennsylvania fish commission has prepared a series of trout eggs in various assistance to teachers in natural study and object lesson teaching among the pupils and secondarily to advance the interests of fish press charges to the cities. Small cities and towns may be supplied through the state The commission also announces that a syllabus for the guidance of teachers will be furnished by the assistant secretary before the beginning of autumn season. All applitheir being filled.