Democratic Matchman

BY P. GRAY MEEK.

-No one regards DEWEY's presidential aspirations as serious.

-On Sunday the Easter sonnet, won't be in it with the bonnet that will crown the head of the fair daughter of Eve.

-There is always difficulty in determin ing about this season of the year whether the Easter hat or the egg-nog turns the

-SIBLEY is surely with the Republi cans. He is bad enough for anything now the announcement by Admiral DEWEY of that he has recorded his vote for that Porto his candidacy for the Presidency. If it Rican outrage tariff.

-We are waiting to see how "Me and Dash and Daisy" will have it fixed up this week. They'll all be sure to get their front paws in the ink keg again.

-Of course it is only wonderment on our part, but we wonder whether Judge REED-ER will give ex-Judge Love any audits or willing to be the President of the United ED. CHAMBERS any road views after 1904.

-JOHN C. MILLER says it wasn't hypnotism at all, it was stigmatism. If this is the case probably LITTLE FILL will buy him an occulist before the next convention.

-The QUAY contingent hereabouts ought to soon begin to realize that a taste of the

-It might not be out of place to forewarningly whisper to our Democratic friends that the size of the party is not always to be measured by the length of the platform.

-Shake-ups among your officers won't do, JOHN BULL. The only thing that will save you is to acknowledge you are wrong and let the liberty seeking Republics of South Africa alone.

-The QUAY outfit in the county had their scheme well enough laid but they began crowing just a day or so too soon. Had DANIEL not hurried home on Friday the jig would have been up with him.

-Judge Love has doubtless discovered that storming the HASTINGS kopje by stealth is not the successful way of planting the banner of the boss on the ramparts of Republicanism in Centre county.

--His honor Judge Love may be able to run a court and a jury to his own satisfaction, but when it comes to running a county convention the satisfaction seems to be altogether for the other side.

-Talk about Czar Reed and the Congresses he held under his dictatorial thumb, w by JOHN C. MILLER made the ex Maine statesman's record as ridiculous as a pine tree shilling would feel trying to pass itself off as a seven dollar bill.

-Up to April 7th the Critish war office announces that over twenty-three thousand of their men have been put out of service. in killed, wounded and prisoners. At this rate it will not take the Boers very long to clean up the entire English army.

-Dewey is a candidate for President he says; but Mrs. DEWEY is the lady who is showing GEORGE the ways, which might not have been so rocky, had they been quiet as a mouse, about GEORG IE's gift to MILDRED of that testimonial house.

-The fashion papers announce the some unusually smart frocks will be seen about the Atlantic City hotels, evenings after Lent. It is quite probably, however, that you will have to look under the tables to see much of them, just as has been the case in years past.

-Inasmuch as his honor judge Love was not to be seen about the court house on Tuesday some have suggested that he had his official ermine in the wash tub and didn't care to trail it so soon in the filth GEORGE KNOCKER McCAIN flew into such spasms about last July.

-And where was the Secretary of Agriculture when QUAY'S forces were being routed on Tuesday? He bellowed long and loud enough for STONE up there in the fall of '98, so why wasn't he around when a few horns were needed to keep his master's hav in the air?

-The House passed the Porto Rican outrage by a vote of 161 to 153 on Wednesday and by this time the President has probably affixed his signature to it. HANNA ought to save the pen with which McKIN-LEY signs the bill. It will be an interesting relic for the archives of the Republican party.

-The troubled waters of Republicanism in this neighborhood that had been stilled and calmed, are so no longer. The storm on Tuesday has brought a flood tide of madness, again and they are now running wilder than ever. The dirt and debris that is being thrown to the top only illustrates what decent men, who belong to that organization, have been partaking of for lo, these many years!

-- Five thousand miners in the George's Creek region, in Maryland, went out on a strike, Wednesday evening, because of wage dissatisfactions. The trouble is gradually spreading and the ominous sounds of labor disaffections in all parts of the country must be anything but reassuring to an administration that hopes to be continued in office for having brought about a condition of things that raises the price of every commodity used by the laborer and farmer, yet fails to raise the an endorsement of his course by a re-elecwages of either in proportion.



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Dewey and the Presidency.

The political sensation of last week was had been accompanied by an appeal to the Democrats or the Republicans of the country to "rally round" him as our friends Boots and Brewer rallied round Mr. VANEERING in DICKEN'S charming story, the edge of the surprise might have been dulled in a measure. But he did nothing of the sore. He simply said that he was States, and left it with the people. The next day he admitted that he is a Demoeducated in the duties of citizenship and a patriotic man it is not easy to see how he could be anything else, unless well paid for it. But even then he didn't pretend to be a candidate for the Democratic nom-"real thing" means more to the average ination. He is probably innocent enough Republican voter than barrels of senti- of the ways of politicians to imagine that N. M. EDWARDS, of Lycoming, and Geo.

> There was a time when such an ancentre to circumference. One of the tradito prevent anyone from developing into There is naught of other men's quarrels, of was beguiled into making an ass of himself through his famous "Round Robin." But DEWEY was lost sight of and he made himself the central figure of popular admiration before he could be intercepted. He at once became the idol of the hour and hero worshipper in the land. But he neglected to turn his advantages to account. That is to say, he dallied until it was everlastingly too late and then came forward

to make the tender without being asked. the But he not only didn't express the desire LEY by endorsing his policy of imperialism, and bolstering up his instrument in the usurpation of power, General OTIS. When he did that he wrote finis to his prospects of the Presidency. That he was insincere made no difference. In fact the obvious hypocrisy of his statement on the subject magnified his offense against the conscience of the country and in view of that fact his present position is little more than political

More Troops Needed.

News comes from the Philippines that re-inforcements are required both in the north and south of Luzon to keep the insurgents from gaining ground. This means, if it means anything, that not a point has been gained during the campaign which preserved by acts of cruelty. began last October and is now coming to a close on account of the approach of the rainy season. Preparatory to the opening of the campaign twenty regiments of troops was made that within a few months the Fil-

time the cry comes for more troops. During the six months, since October Thousands of soldiers, the flower of the been achieved? Lying dispatches, censored by an autocratic commander, have come from time to time to deceive the public into the belief that progress was being made. Aguinaldo was fleeing from a purbut irregular intervals, but now it appears the pursuing troops are needing re-inforce-

How long will the people submit to this waste of life, energy and treasure? The Philippines have already cost ten-fold their value in money to the people of the country and vastly more than that in lives of soldiers who have gone to the front unler the mistaken notion that it was a patriotic duty. But nothing has been ac complished, the only purpose being to arouse and maintain a war spirit, that it is oped will assist in continuing in power the present administration. Such conduct is unparalleled in the history of civilized governments and should not be submitted to be a brave and self-respecting people.

Yet the perpetrator of this crime against the country has the impudence to ask for

ments to save them from disaster.

The State Convention

With the exception of its action in naming for Auditor General the editor of this paper, when scores of willing candidates could have been found whose names would state ring, and its adoption of the obnoxions and anti-Democratic unit rule, we can most heartily commend the work of the late Democratic State Convention. Barring these, its results should receive the warm approval of every good Democrat. It gave us a good ticket. It selected honorable and worthy men as electors. It sent earncrat, but that is not surprising. Being est and representative Democrats as delegates to the National Convention, and it promulgated a platform in which there is neither cowardice, deceit or evasion shown in meeting the issues that must be determined in the coming campaign.

Its candidates for Congressmen-at-Large both parties will jump at the opportunity GRIMM, of Bucks, are both men of high repute as citizens and of acknowledged ability as lawyers and speakers. They are nouncement, coming from such a man, both in the vigor of early manhood, and would have shaken the political world from endowed with the qualifications to ably represent their party whether on the stump tions of this country is that every war pro- or in the halls of Congress, and imbued duces a President and before the unpleas- with that devotion to Democratic princiantness with Spain had been entirely set- ples that will insure faithful work for tled people began looking about for the Democratic success and equally faithful hero who would succeed to the office. The representation if that success is attained. administration at Washington did its best In their nomination no mistake was made. such a figure. General MILES was snub- factional feuds or personal animosities bed from the start and even ROOSEVELT clinging to their skirts to be forgotten or sown by the MCKINLEY tariff bill. condoned. They are handicapped with no entangling alliances or doubtful and distasteful political records. They are clean, worthy the earnest support of all good citiitable representatives in Congress.

the asking. In fact the people were ready the Democracy. We believe it will meet plundering the people of their ear dredths of the Democracy of the but actually helped to strengthen McKIN- State. It should have the endorsement of every intelligent voter in the Commonwealth.

> ---General FUNSTON who received and appropriated the credit due Lieut DICK COULTER, of Greensburg, of swimming the Pasig river in the face of a deadly fire from the Filipino forces, has distinguished himself in another way. He is now to be tried by court martial for hanging two captured natives without trial. Probably by the time he gets through with the obloquy that this last job should cover him with, he will have learned that the sentiment of the American people finds no excuse for atrocities on helpless prisoners, and that reputation for bravery is not

> > Must Show Their Hands.

We are glad to know that the Senate ha were recruited and sent to the theatre of at last fixed a day upon which a vote on operations. Thousands of horses and vast the admission of Mr. QUAY to a seat in quantities of ammunitions of war were that body is to be taken. The papers, of forwarded at the same time and the promise | Wednesday, tell us that debate on this question will end on the 24th inst. and the ipinos would be driven off the face of final vote on admission will be recorded the earth. But after the expiration of the that day. The whole matter has been delayed and allowed to obstruct other and more important work too long. If Mr. vast amounts of money have been expend- QUAY is entitled to the seat, he should ed for the pacification of the Philippines. have had it the day after his credentials were presented. If he is not entitled to young manhood of the country, have been | it, that should have been declared long killed or died from disease or neglect in the since, that his importunities might be effort to fulfill the pledge of pacification halted and the time that his case has ocwithin the time specified. But what has cupied the attention of the Senate should have been devoted to other duties.

It is altogether probable that every Senator in Congress knew as well how he would, and how he should, vote on this question one week after that body convensning destiny, we were told at frequent ed, as he does now. No new light has been thrown upon the situation, nor has

and precedent, or personality and political

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History Repeating Itself.

History has a habit of repeating itself, according to tradition and there are signs that the striking and stirring events of 1892 are to be paralleled in this year of have greatly strengthened the ticket and grace. For example on the 19th of Febassisted in uniting the opposition to the ruary of that year, BENJAMIN HARRISON then being President, and a fictitious pros-perity perceptible on every hand, the first ty in the State was fully represented and from but four of them, were there contests extensive labor strike of the year began in the works of the Bethlehem Iron Company at Bethlehem, Pa. The McKinley tariff admission of the Philadelphia, Allegheny, Dauphin and Luzerne. On everything except the admission of the Philadelphia delegation, bill was in operation and the protected in- as certified to the State Chairman, the produstries had promised to share the favors bestowed on them with the men employed in the mills. But repeated demands for an increase of wages proportionate to the increase in profits had failed of results and a strike was inaugurated in the Bethlehem

Every close observer of events will remember what followed that incident in the member what followed that incident in the industrial life of the country. The mill His speech on taking the chair created owners joined to make common cause of great enthusiasm. The forenoon session was the first encounter between capital and labor, and strikes followed each other in quick succession until the climax was reached in the Homestead riots and slaughter of workingmen in July, four and a-half months after the first skirmish at Bethlehem. HARRISON was re-nominated for President by the party responsible for the tariff within a few weeks of the Homestead disaster and in November the people went to the polls and smote him "hip and thigh." His successor in office inherited the crop of distress which followed but the seeds were

This year the strikes set in nearly a month later than in 1892 and in a different section of the country, but they have spread bright, deserving Democrats who are quite as rapidly and will likely culminate in the same way. One day near the close zens, and whose election will secure to the of last week the daily papers gave accounts the object of the mental vision of every State and the people, acceptable and cred- of one hundred and sixty labor strikes that occurred within twenty-four hours from Of the platform we need not speak. Its the date of publication. There has been full text is given in another column. It is no violence as yet and we sincerely hope honest and frank in the expression of Dem- there won't be, but the effect will be the ocratic beliefs. It meets every issue man- same and the vote against McKINLEY will Admiral DEWEY has ample mental fully and frankly. It neither attempts to be as emphatic this year as it was against equipment and moral qualifications for the avoid or conceal any question that con- HARRISON then. In fact there is greater office, but he will never be called to fill it. fronts the people, and in its plainly stated reason now for putting responsibility on the He "backed and filled" at the wrong time. positions and its explicitly declared President. HARRISON was not entirely to When he arrived home from Manila he purposes, all men who read can under- blame for the robber tariff that passed durcould have had the Republican nomination stand exactly what they are voting for in ing his administration but McKinley was with an excellent prospect of election, for casting their ballots for the nominees of for both that and the one that is now

Parties in the Legislature.

The returns of the several Republican primary elections leave the public in doubt as to whether QUAY or his opponents are gaining strength. The "old man" clearly lost in Allegheny and got a severe jolt in Warren county on Saturday evening. Up to that time he had been about holding his own. Now all is uncertainty as to the aggregate result. But we must remember that QUAY sometimes gets the fellows who were elected for the other side, and on that account it is unsafe to make a prediction as to the outcome until the alignment is final-

QUAY is probably as strong in his own party now as he was two years ago. That is to say the chances are that he will have as many members of the next Legislature, in proportion to the whole number of Republicans elected, as he had in the last. The reason for this is that he now appreciates the fact that the opponents in his party mean business and before he didn't. And for this reason he will take greater pains to get his own friends nominated and elected to the Legislature. In other words he will allow no insurgents to succeed whom it is possible to defeat for nomination or election.

As a result of this the Democrats of the State ought to be equally vigilant. It may not always be good policy to run candidates in hopeless districts, but it is certainly good policy, in the event of fusion, to see that the Democrats are not cheated. Wherever there is a Democrat elected there is a vote against QUAY secured, if the Democrat is honest and faithful. In arranging fusions, therefore, where they are expedient it should be the aim to get Democrats named for Assembly if that is possible. An independent Republican has less distance to get to QUAY than a Democrat.

-Since the death of manager James that he is in greater strength than ever and any additional evidence, either for or Conroy of the Bellefonte Glass Co., there against his admission, been furnished. The has been considerable speculation as to questions growing out of his appointment what effect his death will have on the busihave been decided a half dozen times by ness of that concern. The WATCHMAN is the Senate, and it could just as well have able to give out the information that there settled this matter on the 10th of Decem- will be no change, whatever, during this blast. At Mr. Coproy's request his inter-To us it looks like a case of clear cut est will remain in the concern for the benecowardice—a case that is only met, because fit of his wife, and president Jno. Knisely, it cannot be avoided or delayed longer, and the surviving joint owner, will protect and we are glad that the time has come when care for it with the same faith that bound the Senators will have to meet it, and in a the two men together in a partnership that way that will show whether it is principle knew no friction during its entire existence. As to what will be done after this favoritism that controls the action of that blast no statement is made. In addition to his half interest in the business Mr. Conroy left a nice home near the Bellefonte furnace and \$5,000.00 in life insurance.

The Democratic State Convention.

Large Gathering, Harmonious Action and an Out-spoken. Honest and Commendable Platform convened at Harrisburg on the 5th inst., was one of the largest and must representative bodies of Democrats that has met in Pennsylvania for many years. Every counon questions of credentials. These four ceedings were harmonious and enthusi This question raised quite a breeze and kept the convention in a turmoil until it was understood that the whole subject of Philadelphia methods, representations and fealty to Democratic candidates would be

the State Committee at its meeting on the 18th inst. Col. Frank J. Fitzsimmons, of Lackawanna, was made temporary chairman, and occupied in correcting the roll, the appointwork of organizing the Convention, and it was not until late in the afternoon that the Convention was permanently organized and ready for the work of naming electors.

gone into thoroughly and deliberately by

delegates and a state ticket. Following is the summing up of the vork of the Convention :

STATE TICKET. Auditor General-P. Gray Meek, of Centre county. Congress-at-large—Harry E. Grim, of Bucks county, and N. M. Edwards, of Williamsport

ELECTORS-AT-LARGE. Gen. A. H. Coffroth, Somerset, Otto Germer, Erie. Francis Shunk Brown, Philadelphia. Andrew Kaul, Elk.

DISTRICT ELECTORS. James Bell, W. S. Hastings, W. S. Hastings,
R. Scott Ammerman,
Dr. Dallas S. Barnhart
Harvey W. Haines,
Warren Worth Bailey,
Wesley S. Guffey,
Samuel W. Black,
John T. Pauley,
J. C. Kelly,
John T. Brew,
J. S. Carmichael,
J. F. Ritchey.

DELEGATES-AT-LARGE. James M. Guffey, Allegheny. Robert E. Pattison, Philadelphia. R. K. Polk, Montour. Charles J. Reilly, Lycoming. James Kerr, Clearfield W. H. Sowden, Lehigh. J. B. Keenan, Westmoreland. DISTRICT DELEGATES.

John J. Gibbons,
Patrick Donohue.
James F. McNichol,
John Bratsing.
Thomas J. Ryan,
Morris Tuteur.
P. McManus,
James Gillespie.
Charles P. Donnelly,
Edward F. Tiernan,
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Lemon Lemo John R. Collins.
17. Peter A. Mahan,
John G. McHenry
18. J. Z. Meinhart,
H. E. Spyker.
19. Lemon Love,
Albert J. Brady.
20. A. V. Dively,
A. F. John.
21. James A. Clark,
M. E. Brown.
22 Wm. J. Brennan,
James A. Clark. Charles P. Donnelly, Edward F. Tiernan. W. S. Hastings, John J. Buckley. Henry I. Fox, Chas. S. Vandegrift. Howard Mutchler, J. D. Serfass. Jas. N. Ermentrout, Henry D. Green. James A. Clark. 23. Geo. A. Koehler Dr. W. E. Johns 24. Frank P. Iams. Jacob Pontz.
E. J. Synett,
M. J. Cadden. 24. Frank P. Iams, John C. Bane. 25. W. G. Barker, W. H. Partington. 26. Frauk D. Schultz, Jas. H. Caldwell. 27. T. U. Barnsdall, William J. Breene. 28. Jackson L. Spangler, John F. Brown. Daniel F. Guinnan. 4. W. S. Thomas, Harry G. Walters.

Just before the convention adjourned which it did about 4 o'clock, Mr. Cassid introduced a resolution instructing the delegates to the National Democratic Conunit on all questions. A motion to adopt the resolution, a motion to table it and a motion to insert the name of William J. Bryan were all made at once. A vote on all three motions was taken at once. The Chair declared the motion to adopt carried and the motion to lay on the table defeat

THE PLATFORM. The platform adopted and which we

feel confident will meet the hearty approval of all Democrats is as follows: As the representatives of the Democratic

party of Pennsylvania, in convention as sembled, renewing our pledges of fidelity to the Democratic principles upon which our na-tional and State lite are founded, namely, freedom of speech, freedom of the press, freedom of conscience, the preservation of per-sonal right, the equality of all citizens before the law and the faithful observance of constithe law and the lathful observance of consti-tutional limitations; and having in mind the great questions now before us as a people, we make the following declaration of the princi-ples and policies which should guide our po-litical action.

REMEDY FOR TARIFF TRUST EVILS. We demand a careful and thorough revision of the tariff, and declare in favor of the im-position of such duties only as are necessary for an economical administration of public affairs; and we urge upon the Democratic representatives in Congress that they use their utmost efforts to secure the enactment of a law that will make it obligatory upon the Secretary of the Treasury to place upon the free list at once every article of raw material and every item of manufactured produce now used and manufactured by any monopoly or combine whatsoever, and that all corporations and combinations of capital in the nature of Trusts intended to control manufactures, materials or products shall make comprehensive and accurate public re-ports of their organization, condition and operation under appropriate penalties for fail-

We demand the prompt, efficient and faith-ful enforcement of the anti-Trust act of 1890, and such additional and supplemental legis lation as will meet the defects thereof as indicated by the Supreme Court of the United States in its recent decisions; and we de-nounce the combination and creation of corporate Trusts and monopolies as contrary to the common law, destructive of individua effort and enterprise, and inimical to the wel-fare of the people and the State.

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Spawls from the Keysto

-Extensive forest fires are raging on the nountain north of Pottsville

-From injuries received by a fall down stairs Mrs. A. S. Faust died at Pottsville -Coal falling in the Williams mine, near Fishback, Schuykill county, killed Frank

-The La Lance Grosjean Tin Plate Works at Harrisburg have closed down for a week on account of over production

-At Milton Saturday the Jenkins' steel mill was damaged by fire to the extent of \$5,-000. The loss is covered by insurance.

-Little Alice O'Hara, a Minooka, Lackavanna county, girl, upset a lamp at her home

receiving burns which caused her death. -Found guilty of inducing a girl to steal. Willard W. Stout, of Easton, was yesterday sentenced to two and one half years' impris-

-Prominent men in Scranton and Honesdale have purchased Standard, Keen and Elk Lakes, in Wayne county, which they propose to develop for summer resorts.

-Octogenarian John Ruppert, of Penn ownship, Lycoming county, was awakened by fire on his pillow, and barely managed to escape from the house which was destroyed. -Several hundred Franklin and Marshall College students at Lancaster, paraded in their night shirts last night, carrying an effigy of an unpopular professor, which they afte r-

-Having just finished a term as teacher of the public school at Prosperity, Bedford county, Miss Ida Harlow dropped dead while bidding her pupils good-bye. She lived at Chahevville, same county.

-Shandler Bros., contractors, of Cleveland last week commenced work on the new water works being erected at Boliver by the citizens of that hustling little town. A reservoir is being built in the ridge, one and a half miles from that place, and the water mains will be laid at once. The capital stock of the company is \$30,000.

-At Brockwayville Saturday masked robbers broke into the Chinese laundry and bound and gaged the proprietor. Sam Lee, with an old shirt, and tortured him in varous ways. They wanted the Chinaman's money, which he refused to give. The robbers finally left, but the Chinaman is in a ser-

-At Auburn Centre, Susquehanna county, an epidemic of smallpox exists. There are 28 cases of the disease, and it is thought over 100 other persons have been exposed. All business is at a standstill and the residents of the section are greatly excited. It is thought the disease was brought into the township by a soldier from Cuba.

-Within four days the Cummings family at St. Clair, has been wiped out by death. The family consisted of John Cummings, aged 90 years; his wife, and their son, Martin. Mrs.Cummings died last Friday, after a week's sickness, and the son, who had for some time been in ill health, expired last evening, soon after her funeral. The aged father survived Martin only a few minutes.

-Trapper John Swope of Alexandria, made an extraordinary capture in one of his traps on the top of Tussey mountain on Monday last, in the shape of a golden eagle which measured seven and one half feet from tip to tip of wing. The bird was caught by one foot, and was full of fight before it was dispatched. Mr. Swope sold his catch to a gentleman at Barree, who will have it prepared and mounted.

-Foster Grubb and C. H. Sheaffer were killed and Samuel K. Clouser fatally injured Monday in the Pennsylvania railroad yards in Harrisburg. The accident was caused by a draft of cars colliding with a car under which the men were working. The men were car repairers and were all married and lived there. Clouser is in a critical condition at the Harrisburg hospital and it is feared he cannot live.

-E. A. Tuttle, of Cardiff, Md., employed at the Safety carriage works, in Lancaster, was working at a bending machine Monday, when a piece of wood flew out, striking him in the pit of the stomach and penetrating his vitals. The loss of blood was so great that two quarts of a liquid to act as a substitute were pumped into him at the hospital. The injuries proved fatal and he died Tuesday

-Matt Hogan and Charles Reilly, two convicts at the county prison, in Lancaster, escaped from that institution Tuesday by scaling the wall at mid-day, by the aid of a ladder which they were using in painting one of the buildings. The convicts took refuge in an out-house in the vicinity, but were discovered by some school children who notified authorities and the men were soon back in

-Nearly \$50,000 worth of building permits were taken out at the Williamsport city engineering department during the past week. The new school building to be erected at Newberry will cost \$34,000 and the nurses' ome, Mrs. H. C. McCormick's gift to the Williamsport hospital, will be erected at an expenditure of \$13,000. Permits have been issued for a number of small residences and many repairs.

-On Sunday morning shortly after dayight, the remains of a young man named Mc-Cahan were found in the vicinity of the ash pits at Warrior Ridge, a few miles west of Huntingdon. Just how he met his death is not known, but it is supposed he was run down by a freight train. He was aged 24 years and was employed in the ash pits in that place. The remains were conveyed to his home and the coroner notified. An investigation of the accident was made, but the result was not given out last night.

-Henry Hassinger, a Decatur township. Mifflin county, farmer, residing along the state road about two miles east of Alfarata. met with a horrible death Friday afternoon, about one o'clock. He was engaged during the day in burning some brush, when the fire started in the dry grass of the field and began spreading rapidly. To prevent it from reaching his buildings he started to plow up the ground, when the fire came upon him, setting his clothes on fire and burning all his clothing off except his boots, even burning off his hair and whiskers, causing his death in a few minutes and burning his entire body to a crisp. Deceased was about 65 years old and leaves a