Aemocratic Hatchman.

BY P. GRAY MEEK.

Ink Slings

-The bloomer girl and the shirt waist man Are likely birds of a feather, But no one that we have heard about Has caught them flocking together.

-There will be a few less ancestor worshipers in China by the time the allied forces reach Pekin.

-With regard to the troubles in China the duty is plain enough, but the doing of it is a little too hilly.

-There are many towns in England where thunder has never been heard and the timid may live in peace, that is so long as they prohibit the introduction of such substitutes as TEDDY ROOSEVELT.

-The last contingent of German soldiers left Bremerhaven for the Orient on Saturday evening, but, strange to say, the Emperor did not make a speech. Can it be that he has run out of either wind or sand?

-The Philippines send us a weekly reminder that the war is not as near over as the imperialists would have us believe. Officers and privates are being killed right along, but they are the digestive pellets we have to take to carry out this idea of "benevolent assimilation."

-Out of ten thousand bicycles in Scranton only two thousand were returned by the assessors for taxation under the new side-path law. The only natural conclusion is that there are just eight thousand liars who own bicycles in Scranton. Let us see, what is that other story about Scranton?

-It is rumored that Capt. JOHN A. DALEY doesn't propose to have the Republican relegate him to the rear as a legislative possibility. But what is he going to do about it? The Republican is the official party organ in the county and if it says he is a "dead one" they might just as well have a funeral out in Curtin township.

-Major ARMES, the retired United States army officer, who won unenviable notoriety for himself by pulling General BEAVER'S nose when the latter was Governor of Pennsylvania, is the victim of a pulling episode himself now. Miss ELLA M. PLATT, an artist in Washington, has instituted a breach of promise suit against the pyrotechnical old Major and threatens to "pull his leg" for \$50,000.

-- Former Speaker of the House, the Hon. THOMAS BRACKET REED, has declared that he will take no part in the coming campaign and the Pittsburg Dispatch observes that it makes little difference since he is not the issue. That is probably the very cause of his indifference. When THOMAS was in the House he was the whole thing and now that imperialism has become paramount he is loath to fall in with it when there is no longer a chance of

Porto Rico hissed and were unresponsive been bred and fostered under the rule of when the few Americans on that island HANNA and by the grace of McKINLEY, be tried to get up a demonstration for the given new hope and "fresh encouragement" Fourth of July. They could scarcely have to continue their outrages upon those at been expected to cheer much over the enthusiasm of those who were celebrating pillage of a treasury placed at their distheir freedom, especially when these same liberty enthusiasts have proven almost as tyrannical to Porto Rico as were the Spaniards. They welcomed our advancing army; thinking that we would bring them territorial government, the constitution and relief from Spanish oppression. President McKINLEY has given them nothingnot even the relief.

-It isn't a very great step, in point of culpability, between the murdering of American missionaries by the "Heathen Chinee" and the mobbing of the missionaries of the church of Zion by the Christian people of Mansfield, Ohio. In fact it hardly seems possible that the semi-civilized Chinaman will be held to the same accountability that the enlightened Mansfielders will for having stoned the Zion missionaries, stripped them and painted them with blue paint. No matter how distasteful the Zionist faith might have been to them the people of Mansfield placed themselves about on the same level with the Chinaman when they understand aright its "fresh encourageacted as they did.

-The reception that was given Lt. Gen. MILES at Mt. Gretna, on Monday, was enough to assure any one that if McKINLEY and Root are afraid to let him go to China there are thousands who are glad to have him at home. Mt Gretna had sunshine for the great soldier, while Bellefonte showered rain on him all day long, but either of such conditions were probably welcomed as a pleasant exchange for the unjust "frost" he gets from the administration in Washington. MILES is a soldier and for that reason they have no use for him in his proper place at the head of the army. Contract manipulators and promoters of favorite sons of wealthy nobodies are useful in the army these days and HANNA sees that they are there.

-A Milwaukee trolley car motorman has just been the victim of an accident similar to the one that befell the girl whose celluloid hair comb caught fire at a funeral in Nittany valley some time ago and nearly burned her head off. The Milwaukee warning is to wearers of celluloid collars. A passenger standing behind the motorman accidentally touched his collar with a lighted cigar. There was a puff, a flash and the motorman's neck was encircled with flame. It was a frightful, though ot fatal, predicament, and was suff to cause an order to be issued by a Chicago railway corporation prohibiting employes from wearing celluloid collars. They are neither comfortable, nor pretty, nor clean and it is a questionable economy that prompts people to wear them.

They are neither comfortable, nor pretty, nor paign fund, he is willing to pay liberally ought to know much. It may possibly be to the ANANIAS who can give his tottering cause a hope of success.



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Fresh Encouragement" and Its Conse-

'It is not that there is any danger that Mr. BRYAN, if elected, would undertake to tamper with the gold standard law. That is a mere cry of partisan calamity howlers. But there is no question that the election of Mr Bry An would give fresh encouragement, not merely to the champions of the dying cause of free silver, but to all the lingering lievers in Greenbackery and other devices o redeemable currency.-Philadelphia Record.

For the sake of saving words and the time that would be lost in an effort to convince those who have set their heads against conviction, we will admit that the above. in its fullest significance, is true. And admitting that it is, how thin, how very thin, must be the excuses made by those who pretend to be Democratic on all other questions, for opposing the election of BRYAN, because of the money question.

The Record is one that has taken this position. It acknowledges that his election would not "endanger, the gold standard; it would only give "fresh encourage-

ment" to the "dying cause of free silver." And suppose it would, how would that weigh against the "encouragement" Mo-KINLEY's election would give to the pressing, dangerous, living issues, that threaten us to-day?

With McKINLEY successful would not 'fresh encouragement" he extended to imperialism to go on in its fight for one manpower-for its standing armies and even increasing taxation-for the abridgment of constitutional requirements and the destruction of constitutional rights?

Would not "fresh encouragement" be given to militarism in its demands for greater powers; the rule of the army; its right of conscription; and its complete supremacy over civil authority?

Would not "fresh encouragement," the imposition and continuation of tariff taxation with its special benefits for the few and its increased burdens for the many, be given by his success?

Would it not be "fresh encouragement" to the trusts, we are now cursed with, and inspire new combinations of capital to assist in crushing individual enterprises and personal endeavor?

Would not embalmed beef contractors; stale medicine supplyers; shoddy goods manufacturers; speculators in rotten transports; postal pifferers—the EGANS, the RATHBONES, the NEELYS-and the whole ntal highwaymen, politic--It is little wonder that the people of al black-legs and public robbers, that have the mercy of their departments and their

How about "fresh encouragements?" to

these? Is a "dying cause" or fear of interference with the intrinsic value of a dollar of more importance than the preservation of Republican government!

The continuation of constitutional authority!

The promotion and defense of individual

The rights of the people and the perpetuity of the principle upon which the Republic was builded?

He must be a mercenary indeed who, to save an imaginary war upon the value of his dollars, would give fresh encouragement to a cause that seeks and threatens government, good, great or glorious.

And yet this is the position that th Record, and its lonesome following of gold standard Democrats, must occupy if we ment" theory.

Looking for New Liars.

Whether or not the report is correct that chairman HANNA has offerded WEE CHENG, the Shanghai liar, a desk in his campaign literary bureau, and with a salary that would exceed any sum the Emperor of China could pay him, we do not know. It is given as true and may

probably turn out to be such. There is one thing that is true in this line, and that is, that if the past and present policy of that bureau is to be continued seem completely worn out. They have labored so persistently and so long that everything they send out now gives evidence of a mental incapacity and a physical weakness, that overwork always brings. Their productions are worn thread-bare and when not that are either idiotic or musty. This Mr. HANNA knows as well as do the people generally. And he knows too, that unless he can get new life and a little originality into that department his campaign will prove a flat failure.

It is Republican necessities that demand a lot of new liars to back their efforts and CHENG, if not a new one in his own country, would be a new and original one here. With his abilities his services would be invaluable and we don't wonder that out of the millions Mr. HANNA has as a cam-

Why the German Vote Revolts Against Republicanism

It is not to be wondered at that Republicans are uneasy and uncertain about the German vote, nor is it strange that this, with them, should be the particularly doubtful quantity to be considered in the pending campaign.

For many years the bulk of that vote, believing that the Republican party was the advocate and representative of Repubparty as is the colored vote of the south. It has given to it all the majorities it has had to boast of in Indiana, Illinois, Michigan, Wisconsin, and Minnesota for the past

But it looks as if it would be so no long-

They see under the asses' skin that covers Republicanism the form, features and claws of the imperial lion.

Nine tenths of the Germans who have emigrated to and become citizens of this country, broke up home ties and left relatives and friends in the old world to escape the merciless conscription and the unbearable tax burdens that an imperial government requires. They know what imperialism means. They have seen their young boys dragged from their homes and schools and forced into service through a conscription that heeds nothing but the necessities of the army and the orders of the Emperor. They have seen homes broken up, decrepid parents left in want, helpless sisters robbed of support and wives and little children turned into public paupers that able bodied men might be had for military service. They have felt the crushing weight of taxation that it has taken to maintain that army and enforce the imperial policy that stood back of it.

They know it all. They have experienced its workings. They understand its purposes and have seen its results. To them it is as a terrible nightmare and the closer they get to it again the more horrible it appears.

Under the plausible pretext of "expansion" and "following the flag" we are approaching these same conditions. None know or see this more plainly than do the German voters. None understand or apthey.

It is because they know and have felt what stand how rapidly we are nearing its home destroying conscription and its poverty entailing taxation, that makes them first hesitate, then protest and finally revolt against a party and a policy that is workto this end.

Under the circumstances it is not strange that the German vote is leaving the Republican party and now threatens its complete overthrow.

He must be a dolt indeed, who imagines that intelligent men would flee their native country to escape the results of imperialism and then vote to inflict its burdens and its horrors upon the country of their adoption.

-These terribly hot, humid, hadez Pekin. suggesting days are not the only reminders that Sirius is ascendant and that dog days are on. There are numerous other little incidents that recall the popular idea that now is the time to get hives, itch and all those kindred skin pleasantries that the the destruction of all that has made his dog star showers on us. For instance, out in the imperial city. on Linn street on Monday, one of the most popular canines, and certainly the boss bully of the street, started in to have his out exception, with acting in bad faith. day and licked up something less than a We demanded that we be put in direct gallon of fly poison that was sitting about communication with our representatives, the house in sundry saucers. Of course and threatened the direct consequences if the entire household was thrown into a that was not done. Our demand was comfurore of excitement, but the dog soon re- plied with. And then without any attempt gretted the dose and it is said that the only to save the lives of those who representthing that kept him from turning clear in- ed us through diplomacy, in the fac side out was the presence of mind that had of the fact that war has not been declared suggested tying a knot in his tail.

The Democratic Cake is Not all Dough.

The Philadelphia Press, in one of its spells of political liberality, generously oncedes to the Democrats the election of one Congressman from this State-the nominee of the Berks-Lehigh district. This some new liars are needed. The old ones is altogether unexpected. From the persistent assertions made by that paper about the wonderful growth (?) of the "Independents, and the opposition to Democracy, we had come to fear that old Berks even had become a wobbler, and was liable to be found in the doubtful column. We are glad to know that it is not. Pleased to pieces to understand that the Democracy has one county conceded it and one locality in which it has an acknowledged foot-hold. Thanks to the Press-a thousand thanks for this encouragement and

And now that it has the Democratic party of the State corralled in a single county and has QUAY beaten out of his boots, as well as his bossism, won't this enlightened and liberal purveyor of political facts give us a short line on the Cuban postal scandals of which its editor in chief

Revealing their Own Shame. If the Republican party is the party of intelligence, learning and enlightenment as it has always so pretentiously boasted, what is the use, or where the consistency, in the fuss it is now making about apply-

ing the educational test to voters, as is being done in the South?

Surely a law that will disfranchise the ramus who can neither read nor write, and who refuses all opportunities to better lican principles, has been as solid for that his condition in such respects, should not his condition in such respects, should not effect the right to vote of any member of that organization. Such a thought would he out of the question. Republican voters. be out of the question. Republican voters, according to Republican boasts and Republican pretenses, are the intelligent, educated, learned men of the country. Ignorance to them is a stranger and illiteracy a

Why then should they trouble if Louisania and North Carolina have enacted, and other Southern States purpose enacting, laws that prohibit the ballot to the unlettered dolt who can't tell a B from a bull's foot or does not known the difference between a pot-hook and the autograph of the President?

Such a law certainly would not apply to those who have been voting the Republican ticket (?) If their contentions have been correct its strict enforcement would only increase the chances of their carrying some of these States, and enable them to get a foot-hold upon territory that the infamy of their carpet-bag rule long since made untenable for the party responsible for it. Did any one ever hear of the Republican From the York Gazette

party or its press kick against anything that promised to benefit it?

Not that we have ever heard of. To-day it is kicking like an army mule and scolding at a rate that would out-do a fish-woman, because illiteracy is to be prohibited the ballot, and ignorance banished from the polls

Don't this, thoughtful and unprejudiced reader, strike you as a queer position for this party of boasted intelligence-this selfadvertised head-light in the procession of progressiveness-to occupy?

Or does it simply prove the falsity of the claim it has so pretentiously made, and emphasize the truth that when you strike preciate its fearful meaning better than at illiteracy and ignorance you are certain to hit Republican voters.

> -Hon, W. C. LINGLE, of Patton, has GLE's election two years ago in the face of an ordinary Republican majority in the county was an attest of his popularity and he will have the additional advantage in this fall's campaign of having made an exceptionally satisfactory record in Harris-

> > Who?

A week ago Li-Hung Chang, the old time friend of the American people, and of American interests in China, assured the authorities at Washington of the safety of

At the same time he warned them that the advance of the allied forces of which that portion of the American troops now in China are a part, would increase the gravity of the situation and possibly result in the extermination of all foreigners

We refused to enter into negotiations for their safety. We charged Chinamen, withagainst China, our troops were ordered to advance with fire and sword to the rescue of those threatened in the besieged

Diplomacy might have saved them. It

was not tried. Former friendship and assurances of good faith were spurned-tact and statecraft were cast to the winds and the sword and bayonet, invasion and war, relied upon. War has been begun.

If those we are attempting to save perish through the means we have adopted to rescue and protect them, who will be to blame?

The most effective campaign document the Democrats seem to have gotten hold of up to this time is ROOSEVELT'S St. Paul speech. It is referred to on all hands as a specimen of political asininity, cer-tain to convince even his warmest friends at the hands of this country but the turnthat the acquaintance who remarked just after his nomination was announced, "that the Republicans had secured a candidate of a plain duty. who could make more kinds of a d-d fool of himself than any man living" had a very intimate knowledge of his capacity in that line. It is not to be wondered at that Mr. HANNA is insisting on giving his

Serious Thoughts for Thinking People. From the Baltimore Sun (Gold Dem.) This year 1900 is the centennial anniver-

sary year of the first election of Thomas sary year of the first election of Thomas Jefferson to the Presidency, and by a sinister coincidence it is the first presidential year in which the paramount issue is whether the American people shall make a radical departure from the principles of the Declaration of Independence and of the Constitution framed by the fathers of the Republic. Our children or out children's children will rejoice or lament because of this decision. If we elect McKinley the country will be irreveably committed to peace and "friendship with all nations and entangling alliances with none." It is for the American voter of today to count the cost. It will be useless for their children when they come of age to do so. Colonial empire will invite a combination of foreign powers to open fire on us when their interests are involved. Our conscripts of that day will have to fight the battles in our distant possessions. "Let our workingmen think it all over between now and November, and think of their little boys—the coming men of 1915 and 1920. What sort of country are they going to leave for their sons if they vote to imperialize it? Are they going to so use their votes this year that 15 years hence the new generation of that 15 years hence the new generation of the town. The t voters will say with bitter, but vain, leaving no clue. regret: "Our fathers ate of the sour grapes of military glory and colonial empire building and their children's teeth are set on edge.

Building an Empire.

The New York Journal hints that some body has been copying Machiavelli with-out giving due credit. It quotes from "The Prince," a work of this famous

"The Prince," a work of this famous diplomat:

"The greatest emergencies," says Machiavelli, "confront despots while they are laying the foundation of their power. To enslave a free people a ruler must turn the general attention away from domestic concerns. Let him seek foreign complications and distant wars. Struggles for dominion abroad distract attention from from what goes on at home. The most adroit policy for him who would become an absolute despot is to tell the people that he is making them prosperous. He must dazzle the popular mind with the expectation of riches. But as it is manifest that all will not attain riches, he must take care that some favored few heap up enormous wealth. These favored few will thus be detached from the people and become wholly devoted to himself."

No one is so silly as to assert or believe that McKinley aspires to the actual title of emperor or to be anything higher nominally than President. But who, even among his admirers, doubts that he enjoys the fact that he is practically dictator of likely to go hard with him.

the Philippines. He has exercised and is now exercising been renominated for Assembly by the Democrats of Cambria county. Mr. LIN-Machiavelli suggests. He is abling a favored few to heap up enormous wealth, and in order to keep himself and his friends in power he is distracting the attention of the people from domestic concerns and is dazing the popular mind with expectation of riches. Emperor McKinley has no court. He can give no titles of nobility. There are no frills. But the imperial power and the imperial opportunity are there.

Used Only as a Scare-Crow.

From the Boston Globe

The managers of Mr. McKinley's canvass for a second term apparently are planning "a business scare" as the most convenient means to the end which they have in view. the Representatives of this government in In other words, they are doing their utmost to make the country believe that the free coinage of silver is involved in the result of the election in November, and are emoloying premises and conclusions wh are equally fictitions. There is not the shadow of a chance of any financial legislation inimical to the existing system during the next presidential administration. The enactment of a free-coinage law in that period will be a sheer impossibility, no matter who is Chief Executive.

Frightened by a Ghost.

From the Washington Post, Ind. We are sure that prosperity will not be cromoted by trying to frighten the souls of sions of danger from the ghost of 16 to 1, which Mr. Bryan, with the able assistance of Prince David, shoved into the Kansas City platform. Better shout the prosperity rus and stop fooling with that grave; hetter stick to solid materiality and stop exploiting a phantom. There is no more danger of the 50-cent dollar of Mr. Bryan than of the no-cent fiat dollar of Wharton

A Question for "Gold" Democrats.

From the Buffalo Courier-Gold Dem. Why should gold Democrats aid Mr. McKinley to a second election and perpetuate new policies fraught with danger? By so doing gold Democrats will also sever the ties that bind them to the historic Democracy, and will create the belief that their political attitude is not so much dictated by principle as by an unreasonable antipathy for one particular candidate.

Our Plain Duty.

From the Wilmington, Del., Every Evening.

The Philippine Islands belong to the people who inhabit them, and no course will right the wrongs that have been done them or make due reparation for the ining over to them of their rightful power and authority. No subterfuge, no makeshift of any kind, will stand in the place

The Paramount Issue.

From the Toledo Bee

The paramount issue of to-day is what it was in 1800—the preservation of a Democratic Republic from the insidious encroachments of class rule.

depressed about himself. His woe is bound up, not in his own injuries, but in the death of his baby boy and the loss of a limb inflicted upon his helpmate.

Spawls from the Keystone

-John Yocum, of White deer, met with a painful accident on Thursday. While chopping in the woods his axe glanced from the tree he was cutting and striking him in the face almost severed his nose.

-An accident occurred near Glasgow, Cambria county. Monday a week, in which Stewart Ulery, 14 years old, discharged a shotgun, injuring a Hungarian named Albert. It is reported the boy was shooting at mark. Albert will recover.

-The barn on the farm of Samuel Bierly two miles from Tylersville, Sugar Valley, Clinton county, was destroyed by fire early Friday morning. The crops stored in the barn were consumed, but it is stated that the live stock was saved

-James, the 11-year-old son of Frank Walls, store manager of the Webster store company at Ehrenfeld, was run over by a train of cars about 10:30 o'clock Saturday morning and died at noon from the terrible injuries received.

-Wm. Coffroth, brother of General A. H. Coffroth, the well known Somerset county lawyer and Democratic politician died Sunday morning at 6:30 o'clock at his home in Somerset. He was aged 85 years. He is survived by a widow and several children.

-Fred Huffman, of Windfall, Lycomiu g county, was riding a heifer, when he slipped off its back. His foot caught on a hook in the harness and the boy was dragged head downward. Finally the hook was torn from his flesh, when the lad fell to the ground. He was badly bruised

-The Johnstown Democrat having heard that Dr. Geo. R. Glass, of South Fork, is being urged by his friends to accept a senatorial nomination on a fusion ticket, says: "Dr. Glass'is a radical Republican. He weighs about 300 pounds, and for that reason we will not say anything against him.

-About six o'clock Friday evening the residence of C. A. Thompson, of Irwin, was entered by thieves who ransacked the house and carried away a purse belonging to Mrs. Thompson, containing \$50 and some valuable papers. The house is in the central part of the town. The thief made good his escape,

-One of the boldest acts of vandalism on record in Blair county, occurred recently. One night Howard Estep, of Antis township, had a calf killed in his barnyard by an unknown party. The calf's body was taken and the hide and head were left hanging on the fence. There is no clue to the perpetrator or perpetrators.

-The large boarding house at Munson's station was demolished by a wreck on the Beech Creek railroad. An eastbound train sideswiped a west bound freight, which contact threw twenty-six cars of the track. The cars rolled down the embankment at that point and crashed into the building. No one was injured. The wreck occurred Saturday night.

-A deserter from the United States regular army, named Haman, was arrested, Thursday afternoon, at Osceola by a constable of that place and was taken to the Clearfield iail to await the arrival of a detailed soldier who will return him to an army post for trial. It is Haman's second offense, and with two desertions to his credit the trial is

-If a child born to Mr. and Mrs. Detrich . who lives near Fort London, lives until Sunday it will be six weeks old. The child. which is as healthy as month-old babies usu ally are, was born without nose or mouth, with three fingers missing from one hand and one finger missing from the other. At the place where the nose ought to be there is an opening leading into the palate.

-Professor Silas Wright, ex-county super intendent of Perry county, and at present county surveyor, was dangerously, and it may be fatally injured, at Millerstown station Wednesday morning. He was driving across the overhead bridge when a freight train passed under. His horse frightened and ran away, throwing the professor out on his head. He was nicked up unconscious and taken to the National hotel in Millers-

-Charles Hoffman, an employe of the Good Coal company at Pine Hall, Somerset county, was beheaded about 2:30 o'clock Friday afternoon while going to turn a switch on the Berlin branch of the Baltimore and Ohio railroad Hoffman was riding on the pilot of the branch shifter with two railroaders, and when the engine was approaching the switch he jumped off sideways and was thrown back under the wheels of the moving locomotive, which passed over his neck.

-Dr. Henry L. Donnelly, one of Latrobe's ioneer physicians, died Friday morning from Bright's disease. Dr. Donnelly was born near Derry, Westmoreland county, in 1829. He spent his entire professional life at Latrobe and was considered an authority on surgery. At the outbreak of the civil war he enlisted in company K, Eleventh Pennsylvania volunteers. In 1862 he was promoted to the captaincy of company G, One Hundred and Thirty-fifth regiment, serving to the close of the war.

-A suit before 'Squire Lenahan, of Centralia. Thursday, for the recovery of \$10 brought out the fact that one Frank Cassocoski, a resident of Midvalley, had sold his daughter to Anthony Muscavich, of the same place for \$150, the \$10 being paid to bind the bargain. When the girl of 18 years arrived at Midvalley from Russia, Anthony was not pleased with her appearance, hence the suit for the recovery of the money. The sum was returned and Friday father and daughter returned te Russia together.

-For the first time since he and his wife were struck and maimed by the freight train at the Pennsylvania railroad depot in Johnstown on Wednesday, July 18th, and their little son killed, Editor J. C. Begley Monday read an account of the dreadful Lakemont excursion catastrophe. He is fast improving in his condition. In the morn ings and evenings he experiences no inconvenience, but in the heat of the day he has to stay in doors and avoid the sun, to preven t dizziness and possibly fainting spells. Despite his grievous hurts Editor Begley is not depressed about himself. His woe is bound