# Aemocratic Matchman.

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Ink Slings.

-If you have troubles tell your friends about them. They have none of their own.

-Reform waves have struck both Philadelphia and New York. What will the harvest be?

-Talk about an early fall, there were lots of signs on the side walks of Bellefonte Saturday morning.

-SANTA CLAUS is growing in popularity and the bad little boy is being "as dood as dood tan be" these days.

-With all this talk about oleomargarine being sold in Centre county we are led to wonder where JOHN HAMILTON is?

-SARAH BERNHARDT has come to American again and will be made up in a dozen or more roles because she needs our "dough."

-It costs money to live, but that isn't saying that every person who lives high "pays the shot." Now there is the man in the moon, for instance.

-The "Divine Sarah" is on this side again and, as usual, is assuring the Americans of her undying love. The foxy old actress needn't think she fools anybody. -The millennium must certainly be approaching. Foot ball is being played in Palestine and when they get to chasing the pig-skin in Jerusalem it is time for something to happen.

-They say meat was highest when the cow jumped over the moon, but the Beef Trust seems to be determined to have every old steer on the plains outdo the mythical performance of Mother Goose's bovine.

-The census report just finished showing that Centre county has actually decreased in population is borne out by the result of the recent election. The Demoerats must certainly have taken to the woods.

LEY is past.

-Kentucky justice is almost as slow in ed the Newport bank of \$201,000, as it has her scanty ward-robe. been in bringing about the arrest and punishment of a usurping Governor, who was a party to the murder of the man whose seat he stole.

-The idea of Philadelphia newspapers telling New York that her water supply is impure is worse than a case of the kettle calling the pot black. Nothing could be worse than Philadelphia water, unless it might be Philadelphia politics, and the one is responsible for the other.



Skimping Ourselves for What ?

For the glory, if that is what we consider it, of carrying on a war in the Philippines we have been paying pretty well. Up to this time it has cost us just about \$2 per year for each man, woman and child, white or black, red or yellow, in the United States. To some this may not apppear to be an overwhelming sum, but to others it is a drain that draws heavily upon their scant resources. When we come to figure it down to families of five we can readily

understand how many little comforts, and what an amount of necessaries, many must forego to furnish their ten dollars to continue a wasteful and useless war.

To be sure this sum is not paid at one time or is it collected directly for the purpose it is used. The government in the evasive and indirect system it has of collecting its revenues, gets this money out of the people, as it does for scores of other purposes through tariffs, stamp and revenue taxation, and those who believe it right try to make themselves happy in the bewater and cultivation. lief that the people don't feel it. Possibly the ROCKEFELLERS and HAVEMEYERS, the CARNEGIES and HANNAS of the country do not, but there are others, and millions of them, who do.

When it comes down to the rank and file of the people, to the toiling, pinched masses, and in this class can be included tion in western Texas, southern California. workingmen, mechanics, farmers, clerks and others this \$10 tax per family for Philippine war expenditures is a larger tax

-One thousand men have been laid off than nine-tenths of these people pay for tory where irrigation is necessary to secure vegetation, would open up to the people of by the American Wire and Steel Co., at school, poor, road or any other local purthis country more opportunities than the Cleveland and the officers of the trust de- pose. It is a greater tax than a \$3,000 conquest of ten thousand Philippine iscline to say why. They can do such things farm, in this county pays for county exlands, and furnish homes for more of our with impunity now that the need for penses. It is more than two-fifths of the frightening the men into line for McKIN- professed christians of the country pay for people, than will ever find place on all of the Spanish territory we can acquire. church purposes, and it is a larger sum than many a hard-worker deserving wom-

apprehending BROWN, the clerk who loot. an can afford to spend during the year on The amount may not seem much because

it is collected in dribs : A few cents on a bottle of medicine; a few more on a box of matches; a little on the woolen goods one

has to purchase and a little more on the sugar we use; and so on through the entire list of actual necessaries-a little on this and another little on that-until the entire fare of the people of this country? sum, along with the cost of collections, is taken from each individual or family.

now being so uselessly thrown away for And then we must remember we are but the glory of governing a distant the beginning. Up to this time we have had a force of but 65,000 soldiers in the Philippines. Now we are told that that force is insufficient. Prior to the election the assurance was given the public that if BRYAN were defeated, the cause of the Filipinos would collapse at once. But it has not, and Congress is looked to to double the force now in those islands. To double the force means to double the expenses and to double the expense means to the average American family double what it is now paying, or about \$20 per year.

Why Not, For the Benefit of Our Own Can't Come Too Soon. People ! It has not taken long for the people to Have you ever thought of how much of discover in what direction the McKINLEY and now furnishes for publication the fact our own country is left a desolate waste, prosperity vane points since his election. while we are sacrificing the lives of our With meat up one cent a pound; with salt people by the hundreds and spending miltwo hundred per cent. higher than it was the Methodst church; 1,408 belonging to, lions upon millions of dollars to acquire three weeks ago; with rice threatened by or prefer the Lutheran; 1,071 proclaim territory in other portions of the world? the grip of a trust, and with over two themselves Catholics; 905 Presbyterians: Do you know that within the territory of dozen new combinations of capital strug- 575 Episcopalians; 738 Baptists and 418 New Mexico alone, there are more square gling for incorporated privileges, that they Evangelicals. But 147 were found who had miles of Alkali deserts, than there are of may control the out-put and price of differ- no religious preference to express. On the tillable lands in all the Philippine islands ent commodities the people need most, it can be turned into the most productive the American people.

land this continent can boast of, by the simple process of irrigation? Such is the tures the word has gone out that wages must be reduced, while on the other hand, And yet we make no effort to reclaim every preparation is being made to increase these lands, while hundreds of millions of the price of articles that the less paid labor dollars are being spent annually, and all is expected to produce. This is not what the waste, and horrors, and sufferings of the people wanted, but it is what they votwar are borne, simply to possess that which | ed for. It is possibly not what they ex-

belongs to others, while our own is left arid pected, but it is what they worked for and wastes and treeless deserts for want of what they will get. The masses who refuse to listen or to is an appalling burden. The yearly cur-think; who allow their partisan prejudices rent cost of the attempt to hold the Philip-During the past year we have spent in subjugating the Filipino people and beto control their actions, and who are too coming the possessors of the islands they bigoted to even consider their own welfare, own, over \$150,000,000. One third of this when threatened by the party with which

amount expended in boring artesian wells, they affiliate, will have no reason to comin building retaining dams and aqueducts, plain that they were deceived in political and establishing a perfect system of irrigamatters. There never was a time when issues were Arizona, New Mexico, Wyoming, Nevada, nade plainer than during the last campaign.

or any other portion of our western terri-There never was a time when results were more certain or aims and purposes more apparent. There was even no denying the intentions of the Republican party to foster and protect trusts, and those who voted for the party did so with a full knowledge of what might be looked for.

If we have money to spend, why not put than was anticipated and their effects be it where it will do our people some good; found to be sooner than was expected, but found to be sooner than was expected, but with it all, it is what the country wished where it will eventually furnish homes for for, and what we hope it will get to the We may acquire the Philippine islands, fullest extent.

make them a government, elevate their people, give them a standing in the for it right, and when we are for the trusts, world, but what will this benefit the we ought to be for all they want, all they houseless, homeless Americans? It may ask and all they demand. If they are right offer opportunities to speculators, but where will it in any way add to the wel-fare of the people of this country? ask and all they demand. If they are right of them. If they are wrong the people who supported and favored them cannot in the new town of Washington, in the District of Columbia, the unoccupied town site being swamp, woodland and meadow. It was on that day, one hundred years ago, offer opportunities to speculators, but we can't have them too soon or too much How different the prospect, if the money leave how foolish they were too quickly.

#### Spawls from the Keystone

-A charter has been issued by the State Department at Harrisburg to the Penns vania Fire Brick company, Beech Creek, capital \$180,000.

-The late W. D. Richmond, tobacconist, of Williamsport, left all of his estate, valued at \$50,000, to T. Herbert Riley, who has been in his employ seventeen years.

-The final account of the receivers of the Houtzdale bank has been filed. The depositors will receive another dividend of a little over six per cent. The dividend will be paid as soon as the account is confirmed by the court.

-A wreck on the Beech Creek road Friday morning occurred near Winburne. It was caused by cows being asleep on the track. The engine and half a dozen coal cars denominational census of its inhabitants, were derailed. The engine crew escaped by jumping down an embankment.

that of its 38,000 population 2,130 families -The first fatal accident at the Saxton are members of, or are inclined towards furnace occurred on Tuesday of last week when Edward Stewart, aged about 20 years, was caught by a car at the coal chutes and was so badly crushed across his abdomen that death ensued next evening.

-Thomas Maitland, aged 75 years, put a lightning rod on the Methodist church at face of things Williamsport may imagine Milton, last week, doing the most perilous feet high and the sight of such an old man working at its top was considered marvel-

> -The new Methodist Episcopal church at Yellow Creek, Bedford county, was dedicated November 11th. After the sermon \$365 was subscribed, which will pay all indebtedness and leave about 100 to be used in further improving the church property. The new structure cost \$1 200

-The large stock and grain barn on the farm of John Smith, near Rathmel, was burned Saturday night, together with five head of cattle and the season's crop of grain and hay. The loss will reach \$5,000, uninsured. The fire is attributed to incendiaries. Mr. Smith conducts a large general store at Rathmel.

-Three young children of B. T. Gillmen, of Gaines, will carry through life badly disfigured faces, as the result of a terrific gas explosion. The three victims were fortunate to escape with their lives. The children wandered to the oil well and the oldest of the pockets of the people, and not according to trio lighted a match, which caused the explosion.

> -A movement has been inaugurated among the rolling mill men of Hollidaysburg for the establishing of a mutual burial association. The membership fee will be 10 cents and each member is subject to an assessment of 10 cents when a death occurs. The death benefit is fixed at \$50. It is said that 500 names have already been secured.

-The dead body of Michael Osborn, who has been missing from Caledonia since October 28th, was found by hunters in a deep cut near Weedville recently. It is supposed that Osborn, while intoxicated, fell out of the door of a shanty at that point and broke his neck. He was was over 60 years old and is survived by two sons.

-The judicial vacancy in Lycoming county, created by the death of Judge John J. Metzgar, three months ago, was filled Monday by the appointment of Max L. Mitchell, that Congress, having left its temporary abiding place in Philadelphia, met for the first time at the new capitol in Washingof Williamsport. Mitchell is protege of Con-gressman-elect Elias Deemer. He is 34 years

put together. And do you know, further, is not difficult to see what the success of itself a fairly moral city, from its own part of the work himself. The steeple is 165 that every acre of this and, treeless country, Mr. McKINLEY promises the great body of showing, but then when we remember that in religion as in politics men are not Already in different lines of manufac- always what they profess we are bound to suspect that in this matter our neighboring city has presented its best side to the public. The Dollars and Cents of It.

From an Unknown Exchange To say nothing of the awful loss of life.

the wreck and demoralization of lives that are diverted from the useful and productive pursuits of peace, the cost of war in money pines, for example, amounts to about \$2 per head of our 76,000 population, or au average of \$10 per year for each family. In the case of a large majority of families that sum is nearly equal to what the heads thereof are able to earn in a week.

-----Williamsport has just finished

The taxes which go to meet this mos costly enterprise are collected from the peo-ple in indirect and unobservable ways. But they are taken, nevertheless, from the the ability to pay, but according to the consumption mainly of the necessaries of life. Hence they come mainly from the earnings of the working element. Suppose the system of taxation were hanged to a direct system and once a year

the federal tax gatherers were to pass up and down the country, knocking at the door of every family and demanding \$10-for what? For the holding of a distant and Kesults may be coming a little sooner

An Anniversary That Was Overlooked. When we are for a thing we ought to be From the Pittsburg Post. The forgotten fact is recalled that last Saturday, November 17th, was the anni-versary of the day the first Congress met

-The Missouri editor whose obituary of an old lady wound up in these words "She was a devoted Christian until about four years ago, when she joined the Methodist enurch" most think that all Methodists are the same stripe as Bishop FOWLER. In that he is mistaken, however, for a vast majority of them have sense enough to condemn the foolish utterance of a lightweight Bishop.

-Public opinion has alreadys associated the name Newport with a fast place, but the Newport of Rhode Island and not the Newport of Kentucky is the resort that has earned the synonym. Yet the Kentucky Newport now comes to the front with a bank clerk who has looted a bank of more than double the amount of its capital. Wine, women and horses are said to have been the cause and when those three get hard to heat

-Count ADEMAR CASTELLANE, a cousin of the notorious BONI who has been millions so rapidly that her family has put and too lazy to earn enough to do so. a stop to it, is in this country and is said to From what the public already knows about than for any other one purpose ? these foreign fortune hunters we are inclined to shout Abas, CASTELLANE ! Abas, Champagne.

-The Philadelphia Press, with its acers in that State's population, as well as happens to be a Republican State the what it can depend upon. partisan Press hesitates not to juggle with Whatever may be the result, however, crime to Southerners, thereby hoping to and Independents owe it to their own torial calibre.

been so thoughtful about congratulating in a manner that will be fair to both, and President McKINLEY on his re-election, with the distinct understanding that the especially since he has been so forgetful committees on both sides shall be so formed about paying that \$100,000 due Uncle SAM that there will be no fear of them being as indemnity for the destruction of Ameri- the burying grounds of reform legislation.

And for what? Ask those who are demanding that this war, for conquest, be continued, and see if they can give you an intelligent reason. Ask them what good, to us, these islands will be, with their hordes of ignorant, idle. blacks; their malaria and fevers; their lepers and paupers, their four months of together they are a combination that is drenching rain and eight months of withering drought; valleys that are impassible

swamps one portion of the year-and blinding dust the balance; a population too poor running through with ANNA GOULD'S to buy that which we would have to sell When we get it all, and have conquered

be looking up an heiress. ADEMAR denies the people, where will the compensation the allegation and sets up an alibi in the come in for the American people, who have statement that he is here to sell champagne. been taxed to a greater extent for this

#### Look Out for the Committees.

That Mr. QUAY has no sure thing of a re-election to the United States Senate, customed warped view of things, lays the and that his opponents will need the most cause of the recent horrible lynching in perfect of organizations if they are to suc-Colorado to the large element of Southern- ceed in preventing his return, are as apparent as is the sunshine on a cloudto its proximity to Texas. As a matter of less day. While both sides claim a decided fact there is a great preponderance of East- advantage in the situation we have doubts erners in Colorado's population, but as it if either knows exactly where it stands or

the truth in order to lay this atrocious on the senatorial question, the Democrats place the onus of all such outrages on profession of reform to ascertain the exact Democratic localities. The Press is a great situation and act in such a way as will newspaper, but it has a mighty small edi- best enable them to fulfill their promises. If there are sufficient of them to organize -The Sultan of Turkey needn't have the Senate and House, they should do so

can property in Turkey at the time of It is in this more than in who shall fill the the Armenian massacres. The battleship official places, that good work for the State Kentucky has been ordered to make a little can be insured. It is the key to the situathere the Sublime Porte will come down of affairs, to secure such a make-up of the tleships are dangerous pop-callers, as the Spanish have doubtless already whispered to the Turks. guarantee that such reforms as are in-troduced, are not to be squeezed to death, or quietly smothered in the committees to the Turks. dian, unique in his field. He resorted more to somber eccentricities than to horse play for his fun and the result was most it costs more money than it would to stay with his check, because United States bat- House and Senate committees as will be a

were being expended for the benefit and welfare of our own. And where could it be spent to greater advantage than in mak- turned to the United States Senate; his and immediately after the adjournment ing our desert lands of the far west blossom opponents are just as certain that he will President Adams gave directions "for the with fruit and flowers and grain?

our own homeless.

-Mr. QUAY is not feeling nearly so all these certainties there is an uncertainty Southern States were made generally on are alleged to have been changed in a dozen certain of a re-election to the Senate as he about it that makes us conclude that it is did before the returns were all in. In not best to be certain that there is an cerfact the ex-Senator's certainties, for some tainty to be counted on, except the un- Saturday, November 22nd, President John years back, have only been the headaches certainty that hangs over all. that come after an unusually hilarious occasion.

Centre County May Lose a Member.

The completion of the census enumeraors work for the State of Pennsylvania makes it almost obligatory on the next General Assembly to pass senatorial and egislative reapportionment bills. Though the constitution provides for a reapportionment as soon as possible after each decennial census the senatorial districts have not been changed since 1874, while the last arrangement for Representatives was based on the census of 1880.

In this time the State has nearly doubled notice. And it is quite likely that bills of session, as it certainly will be possible for Republicans to gerrymander the State to suit themselves. The present apportion- feel ! How prosperons we must be ! How and did not effect anything. We should lers possible and that is the reason there ing this fact out and telling us. has been no attem it to improve upon them. But with the greadly · increased population shown by the census row being completed the Republican Legislature will see opportunities for further entrenching itself and work will more than likely be taken up. If it is, and is carried out according to constitutional requirements Centre county will stand in danger of losing a Member. It is provided that the Members shall be ing the population of the State by 200, Every county containing less than five tick on this news. Be kind enough to islands, than she has done to the other ratios has one Representative for every full tell us why our portion of this overwhelm- 1,400, remains to be seen. ratio and an additional Representative ing prosperity is not on tap. when the surplus exceeds half-a ratio, but each county shall have at least one Member. Every county containing five ratios and JOE OTT within the week have re-

on the recent census, is 31,511. The mini- equalled Hoyr in the production of upconstitutional requirement for two Mem- ter ones forthcoming. OTT was a come-

Certain Uncertainty

Mr. QUAY is certain that he will be renot be; the people are certain that neither side is certain of the out-come, and with

Must Have Been Switched on a Wrong Track.

Yesterday the *Inquirer* pointed out that in the four days following the announcement of Bryan's defeat the value of stocks and bonds presumably listed in New York, Philadel-phia and other financial cities, had increased almost five hundred million dollars, and ventured the assertion that the world had never looked upon a similar rise since it came into existence. came into existence. In that prosperity of course the people of this State naturally shared, and they will

Inquirer of the 8th inst. It will be news to our readers-real live, hopeful, soulcheering news. The kind that makes a in population, thus bringing the need for man hold up his head, step high and throw reapportionment emphatically to public out his chest. Think of it ! We unsophisticated country-bred denizens sharers in the this nature will be introduced at the next profits of Wall street brokers? What an be asked to determine we are not informed,

ments are examples of the worst gerryman-ing this fact out and telling us. But then, come to think of it, there must be something wrong about this partnership of the people and Wall street. At least so far as it concerns the forty-two thousand persons who constitute the population of Centre county. Up to this time, and it is Secretary Hay and the Spanish minister. now over two weeks since this partnership \$100,000 more of good American money was announced, we have not had a cent of a "divy" out of it, ueither have we will go into the treasury of spain. The treaty binds this country to pay Spain that amount for three little islands just outside heard of any man or woman hereabouts of the boundaries set by the treaty which apportioned on a ratio obtained by divid- who has. Who is pocketing our share of ceded the Philippine groupe to the

---- The deaths of CHARLES H. HOYT From the Walkerton, Ind., Independent.

ton. Cons removal of the public offices, records and properity" to that city. The long jourey from the then distant Northern and horseback. There were no turnpikes, and Adams appeared in the Senate chamber, where the members of the House had al ready assembled, and addressed both Houses, congratulating the members on assembling at the permanent seat of government.

Seeking Another Turndown. From the Philadelphia Press.

Colonel Quay wants Members of the Legislature so badly that, it is stated, it has been proposed to test in the Supreme Court the right of the Lincoln party in the Sib ley Congressional district to a place on the ticket. It was due to the Lincoln party The above we get from the Philadelphia nomination that two anti-Quay Members were elected in McKean county, and, though there is no question whatever that a majority of the people voted for them, it is intended—because Mr. Quay is so greatin need of Members-to raise some technicality with the hope of getting these Members unseated. What is to be the particular point the Supreme Court is to idea! How strange that we have never known it before! How proud we ought to nade in the lower court before election

than he has had in his appeal to the peo-

## Yes, Bay a Few More Filipinos.

From the Westmoreland Democrat. If the Senate ratifies a treaty signed by Inited

### A Warning to Refomers.

The county editor who starts out to re or more shall have one Representative for moved two characters who have done form the world will have a difficult job or every full ratio. A Representative ratio, much for the stage. No playright has his hands, says the Walkerton (Ind.) In-A local newspaper should stand up for the right, but it should not mum population for two Members is 47,- roariously funny comedies and while he shoulder more than its share of responsifor three Members 78,777, for four had already achieved fame enough to sat- bility. Being a business institution, and Members 110,288 and for five Members isfy most any man, yet the ever improv- run on business principles, it cannot go beaccordingly.

ss had adjourned in Philadel- old and is a son of the late Rev. Thom phia on the 14th day of May, 1800, to Mitchell. He will accept the appointment meet in Washington on November 17th, and will hold his first court in December.

-Considerable excitement has been caused at Indiana, by the alleged discovery that certain records in the prothonotary's offices have been tampered with. The judgments or more places, to extend the time they were the mud roads in winter and spring made in force, the erasures being very crudely done. The work was done five years ago, and no suspicion attaches to the officials then in charge.

> -Hon. John Dean, of Hollidaysburg, oue' of the associate justices of the state supreme court, sailed from New York for Europe on Thursday on the American liner St. Louis. He was accompanied by his wife and two daughters, Misses Anna and Elizabeth, and they will all spend the next two months in the southern part of France. Justice Dean has gone on the trip for the purpose of benefltting his health.

-Miss Clara Odea, of Williamsport, who is visiting at the home of J. W. McDermott, in Jersey Shore, had an exciting adventure with a burglar Tuesday morning. She was rudely awakened by a man thrusting his hand under the pillow on which lay her head. Miss Odea clutched the burglar's arm and at the same time uttered several cries to alarm the household. The intruder tore himself from her grasp and escaped. The burglar was first in the room of Mrs. McDermott, who was also awakened in the same way, but she was too much frightened to give an alarm.

-The latter part of October the Altoona. iron company gave notice that on the 1st of November the price for puddling would be reduced from \$4.25 to \$3 00 per ton, and when that date arrived the iron workers refused to go to work. Saturday a compromise between the company and the iron workers was effected, the price per ton being \$3.50 as agreed upon, based on the present market value of iron, and, as it fluctuates, their wages will fluctuate. Thus, if iron raises one-tenth of a cent a pound, or \$2 per ton. they get 25 cents increase, and, vice versa, if it drops they will get a corresponding decrease

-Bewildered by the noise of the approaching freight train on the Beech Creek railroad, about dusk last Friday evening, a good sized deer leaped onto the tracks, at a point near Forks, just in time to be caught and killed by the pilot of the engine, and a morment later the mangled form of the animal was cast to one side into the ditch. The train was stopped and some of the crew ran back to where the carcass of the deer lay. It was so badly mangled, however, that they made no attempt to save any of it. Some people who lived in the neighborhood, howkentucky has been ordered to make a little of the state. It is the key to the state and no ef-call at Smyrna on her way to the Philip-pines and it is possible that when she gets of affairs to scoure such a make up of the of affairs to scoure such a make up of the with the killing of this deer was the fact that on the west-bound trip, the day previous, Engineer Atherton's locomotive ran into and killed three cows which were asleep on the track near Winburne. Forks, near where the deer was killed, is not far from Snow Shoe, in the vicinity of which deer are quite plentiful.