Aemocratic Matchman.

BY P. GRAY MEEK.

Ink Slings.

Forget the bad deeds you have done In this old year nineteen-two And set your heart on nobler ones With the coming of the new. When turning over your new leaf, Whatever else you do, Resolve that to your wife and child You'll be good, and kind and true.

-Poor DEWEY ! It isn't a case of "do he" with him any more. It is all MOODY now

-A half hose is better than no hose at all. but half hose are never heard of when Santa Claus is round.

-The stocks that the bottoms have fallen out of are the ones that never had much bottom in them.

-The Venezuela question is to be arbitrated at last. How much cheaper it would have been to have done that at first.

-There is a heap of "bloodless surgery being done in Bellefonte every day, if pulling peoples' legs is all there is to the new profession.

-The fact that United States steel has been as low as 313 this week hasn't deterred MORGAN from taking on another forty-five million obligation.

-The cold weather has had a very disastrous effect on stocks. The water having hoped that prices may be kept up until the frozen out of most of them they have been forced to stand on what they are actually from Mr. MORGAN's friends to the other worth.

-According to the last census report there are forty-four boys in Pennsylvania who are under fifteen years of age and married. There's a case of forty-four mothers who didn't know they were out.

-With the slot machines out of business and a promise of all stores being closed tight on Sunday Bellefonte is certainly getting as good as the average Sunday school archin before the Christmas treat.

-ROCKEFELLER has just given Chicago University another Christmas present of panic had set in in dead earnest at that \$1.000,000. His latest dividend from Standard oil being four times that amount he is not likely to go broke by such munif- would have been bad for the President's icence.

-The miners rested their case before the arbitration commission at Scranton on Wednesday and let us hope that whatever LAND's time such a use of the public funds the outcome may be they will find a way to rest those little girls who work all night in the silk mills.

-The Senate having passed a pension appropriation bill carrying \$139,847,000 that he had no further interest in the matleads us to wonder when it will ever stop. When the appropriation for that purpose reached the hundred million mark it was announced that the high tide had been reached.

-QUAY is to leave for San Lucie, Florida, tomorrow. The first session of the Pennsylvania Legislature will probably be



The rich New York banks have organized a pool, we are informed, for the purpose of supplying funds to crippled financiers engaged in Wall street speculations. During last week there was an unusual slump in stocks and on one or two occasions a panic was prevented by the timely inter- dently that Secretary of the Common wealth ference in behalf of the "bull" interests by Mr. J. PIERPONT MORGAN. It is estimated by such experienced gentlemen as Mr. MORGAN that a panic at this time would be bad. It would result not only in a general liquidation but in a leveling process by which things would be reduced to actual values. While the watered stocks are in ISRAEL W. DURHAM will succeed himthe hands of Mr. MORGAN's friends that

Wall Street's Santa Claus.

would be bad for them. Because of that the pool has been organized by which it is ownership of the bogus securities is shifted fellows.

Previous to the election the Secretary of bull speculators. Whenever they got squeezed to an uncomfortable extent they would appeal to him and he would release from the treasury vaults by some process whatever amounts were necessary to supply existing wants. The Secretary was obliged to do this in order to keep up the delusion that times were good and the policies of the

Republican party as expressed through President ROOSEVELT were wise. If a time the loss of confidence would probably have caused a political revolution which ambitions. Until recently the Secretary of Treasury wouldn't have thought of saving his party in that way. During CLEVEwould have been regarded as a crime. Now nothing is criminal unless found out. After the election, however, the Secre-

tary of the Treasury came to the conclusion ter of saving the country from panic. The speculators alone, he made up his mind, are interested in maintaining the fictitions values of watered stocks and incidentally the supremacy of trusts, and he refused to be

ers as deeply involved as himself. Therefore he insisted on them bearing a share of Atchinson, Topeka & Santa Fee railroad, the burden and they have subscribed a declared his belief that "the country will from old policies. He had opposed the anmatter of \$50,000,000, which it is believed enjoy good times as long as the crops conwill serve the purpose until all the bogus tinue good." There is no overproduction, friend, "and the interference in the Cuban securities have been worked off on the innocent lambs. No doubt their estimate is There is the truth and the whole truth in correct, unless the bears should also form a pool to protect each other and then there

Judge Pennypacker's Cabinet. Governor-elect PENNYPACKER has selected his cabinet, we notice in our Philadelphia exchanges, but at this writing he has not taken the public into his confidence sufficiently to state what gentlemen are favored. Some of the papers state confi-GREIST will be reappointed and a good many are of the opinion that Mr. Rong-ERS, of Pittsburg, the author of the "ripper" bill will be the Attorney General. There is unanimity, however, only with respect to one place. Every prognosticator declares confidently that the Hon.

self This is one of the anomalies of politics. The friends of Judge PENNYPACKER declare with a vehemence which almost challenges belief that he will be the Governor and that his aim will be to make his administration an honor to himself, a credit to his party and a benefit to the State. Yet the Treasury acted as Santa Claus for the it is universally agreed that he intends to appoint a man to one of the most impor-

tant offices in his gift, who has filled it during the last four years and has not been in the office since the day of the Republican state convention last June and bas not been in Harrisburg half a dozen times since the Legislature adjourned in the early summer of 1901.

Of course the business of the office has gone on during all the time during the absenteeism and probably as well as if Mr. DURHAM had been constantly in attendance. But if that is true why not abolish the place and thus save to the State the there is no need of the service there is cerought to be appointed to fill the office who will give it the attention it requires. PENNYPACKER is beginning badly in ; appointing such an officer.

The Solution of the Problem.

Discussing a statement of Mr. JAMES J. the effect that in the unsettled values as Santa Claus any longer. Mr. MORGAN revealed in speculative operations in Wall supreme service which would have made tried it a week and found the burden too street there are signs of an impending com- him President. heavy in view of the fact that there are oth- mercial and industrial revolution, Mr.

Speaker Reed's Withdrawal.

It was the enemies of the late THOMAS B. REED who declared that disappointment because of his failure to get the presidential nomination was the cause of his resignation of the Speakership of the House, of his seat in Congress and of his withdrawal from public life. No doubt Mr. REED was dis-few years ago elected Roberts to the lower appointed when MARK HANNA entered the Republican convention at St. Louis in 1896 and bought the nomination, just as he buys iron ore for his blast furnaces. But that disappointment didn't drive him out of public life. If there had been nothing else to influence him he would have remained in public life and the most conspicuous figure in public life until the day of his death. Referring to the death of Mr. REED in our last issue we stated that he withdrew from public life because he could not support the policies of his party when under the influence of the hucksters who controlled the administration then in power it began drifting into the channels of imperialism. In this statement we are corroborated by Hon. JOSEPH G. CANNON, of Illinois,

who will be the Speaker of the next House and was Mr. REED's most intimate friend. In an interview, published in the Philadelphia Press of Monday last, Mr. CANNON says : "REED did not quit public life because of disappointment of his ambition to be President. He quit because he desired better to provide for his family and because he had no heart in the work of carrying out a policy in which he did not believe."

The reference to his family is also a subterfuge. Mr. REED was not a rich map, but his family was abundantly provided for out something like \$20,000 which DURHAM of his congressional salary, his law practice has drawn out of the treasury this year. If and his literary labors. That he didn't care for great wealth is shown by the fact, tainly no justice in paying the salary and developed since his death, that he had alif there is need for the service [then a man | ready prepared to quit the practice of law and spend the remainder of his life in leisure. But he had an uncontrolled antipathy against the perversion of the principles and the sacrifice of the traditions of the country and he withdrew from public life because he abhorred that great crime but hadn't the courage to take the monster Imperial-HILL, president of the railroad trust, to ism by the throat and stifle it. REED was a great man, but not big enough for that

Mr. CANNON says that REED regarded the Philippine policy of the McKINLEY administration "as a dangerous departure nexation of Hawaii," continued his old troubles because he believed we should annex no outside territory." But he hadn't the sublime courage which would have enabled him to throttle the treasonable heresy when it first revealed itself if he had set himself in opposition. He was a splendid specimen of American manhood, but fell short of the heroic mould which made the revolution of 1776 not only a possibility but

Spawls from the Keystone.

-There are seventy-eight applications for liquor license filed in Elk county.

-J. C. Neyhart, a popular citizen of Williamsport, died of paralysis last Tuesday evening, aged almost 52 years.

-Nelson Slagenwhite is an inmate of the Lycoming, county jail, at Williamsport, on the serious charge of tampering with switch locks.

-A Lancaster man has been fined \$21.77 for uttering thirty-one oaths, or sixty-seven cents for each oath. It is presumed that he swore to himself when he found that he had to pay this fine.

-J. E. Gearhart's brick block in Clearfield was destroyed by fire Saturday morning. The firm of John Hoffman & Son and four families were burned out. Loss \$20,000; partially insured.

Republican United States Senator from Utah. This is to be his reward for instruct--Eight carcasses of vension have been found in the woods in Sullivan county by ing the Mormons in that state and Idaho to vote the Republican ticket at the recent men employed by C. W. Chapin since the close of the hunting season. In every case the deer were wounded by buckshot. house of Congress the Republican papers rang with denunciation of the outrage and

-As the Rev. Eli Sponsler, pastor of the Republican preachers all over the country joined in a mighty protest against the alleged polygamist being seated. Roberts was refused a seat and the honor of the Waterville M. E. church, was driving along Pine Creek narrows his sleigh slid on the icy road and toppled over a fifty foot embankment, taking driver and horse into Pine Creek. Mr. Sponsler was rescued, but is seriously, if not fatally injured.

But now one of the chief apostles is to be -William Y. Lyon, 73 years old, for 50 sent to the United States Senate and the years constable, police officer, special detec-Republican papers and the Republican tive, etc., and a leading Republican politician preachers are not uttering a word of protest. Smoot is a defender of the sanctity of Reading city, was Monday sentenced to of polygamous marriages and the whole six months imprisonment and a fine of \$100, power of the church is behind him, but he having been convicted of extortion in acthat makes no difference so long as he votes with the "party of God and morality." cepting \$90 in settlement of two gambling cases in which he was the prosecutor. There was a time when the Republican

-John C. Winter, a well known builder of barbarism," slavery and polygamy, but that was away back in the days of Abraand contractor of Lycoming county, while at Newberry, a suburb of Williamsport, superintending the construction of a building, jumped up on the porch, when a sharp butcher knife which he carried in his pocket, severely wounded him on the wrist, almost severing an artery.

-The Clearfield Republican says : The story is current in and about Clearfield that the Harbison-Walker Refactories company which today embraces all the fire brick plants in this and adjoining counties, with a few exceptions, will shortly establish a chain of stores, locating one at or near each plant.

-But for the crying of their little granddaughter early Friday morning, Michael Riedy and wife and the little girl would have been smothered by coal gas from a stove in Williamsport. Riedy had just strength enough to raise a window. A long time was required to restore Mrs. Riedy to consciousness. The child suffered least.

uine reason for hope as to the results of that campaign? If he does not shrink from the struggle before him, why does he not issue instructions to his Attorney General -John M. Pursell, who died in Williamsport Friday, will be entombed in a vault of his own invention. Fearful of being buried to begin proceedings against the violators of alive, he caused to be constructed, several the antitrust law under the criminal clause years ago, a sepulchre of cast iron, with chambers to admit air enough to sustain life. The doors of the compartments can-A Place Where the Pickins Will Be not be opened from the outside, but the v may be readily unfastened from within. The vault has been thoroughly tested

"It is hardly known outside of Rhode -G. W. Owen, who resides three miles Island's bailiwick that the election of a south of New Bloomfield, met with a pe-Democratic Governor there is a defeat for culiar accident on Monday. He was putting w steel sales on his sle turned upside down, and had drawn the steel bar down over the runner, when the chain slipped and the steel bar straightened out. It struck Mr. Owen on the side of the face and knocked him about ten feet, rend ering him unconscious for a moment. -Wrapping himself in bedclothes at his boarding house at Rossiter, near Clearfield Thursday night, John H. Davis shot himself in the head. The flash set the bedclothes afire, and the other boarders, awakened by smoke, saved the suicide from cremation. Grief over the death of his wife was the cause. Davis recently transferred his bank account to his 9 year-old boy, and it is thought the deed was contemplated. -An unhappy Yuletide stares in the faces of the forty residents of Harleigh, near Hazelton, who on Friday were served with notices of eviction by the firm of G. B. Markle & Co. These notices were served by an officer of the company, and it is stipulated that if the back rent due the company by these people is not paid before January 1st. 1903, that the tenants of the company so notified will be evicted at the expiration of that time. -The next Legislature will be asked to pass a law compelling all barbers within the State to be licensed, passing a fee before receiving the diploma to practice. According to the proposed act every person now engaged as a barber must, within thirty days after the bill's passage, make affidavit to his qualifications, and, if these are satisfactory. a certificate will be issued to him. Beginners must pass an examination and pay a fee of -John E. DuBois, who owns 200,000,000 feet of timber on Hicks Run, thirty-six miles from DuBois, will bring all that timber to his large mill at DuBois. To do this he must build fifteen miles of railroad track to reach the Low Grade road near Dent's Run station, from which point he will run his log trains over the Pennsylvania line to DuBois. This will be the longest haul of saw logs yet made in this section of Pennsylvania. The logs and bark will be loaded in the woods and be run to DuBois without any charge. It is estimated that ten years will be consumed in cutting and manufacturing. -Harry W. Mansfield, of Altoona, a through freight brakeman on the Pittsburg division of the Pennsylvania railroad was making a trip east Sunday and in the vicinity of Greensburg he attempted to step from one hox car to another. As he did so he slipped and fell between the cars. In the descent his gum overcoat caught on the brake and he hung suspended between the cars unable to extricate himself and momentarily expecting to fall beneath the wheels. Finally the coat gave way and down he went, feet foremost. When he got between the bumpers he was struck by the rear car, and as the train was going about twenty five miles an hour, the force was sufficient to knock him over onto the adjoining track, where he lay unconscious and was found shortly afterwards by a track walker, who picked him up and had him placed on Philadelphia express and sent to his home at Altoona. He was severely cut and bruised but will recover in due time.

Why, Yes Why ? From the Commoner. "Ours is not the creed of the weakling

of triumphant endeavor. We do shrink from the struggle before us."

ham Lincoln and Charles Sumner.

party" in these latter day.

It's Different Now.

Apostle Reed Smoot will be the next

nation was vindicated. Roberts was only

a humble member of the Mormon church

party bad a holy horror of the 'twin relics

thing goes with the "let well enough alone

and the coward" says Mr. Roosevelt in his

message, "ours is the gospel of hope and

have heard much from Mr. Roosevelt con-

cerning this "weakling and coward" busi-

ness. If Mr. Roosevelt's creed is not that

of the weakling and the coward, then why

does he hesitate to require his Attorney

General to deal with the rich rascals in the

trusts even as the humblest law-breaker is

dealt with? If his gospel is one of hope

and of triumphant endeavor, why in his

he not provided the people with some gen-

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so-called campaign against the trusts has

of that statute?

From the Washington Post.

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From the Walla-Walla-(Wash.) Statesman.

called to order at that place Sunday morning. At all events the business of the entire session is to be closed up before his return on January 5th.

-The Tyrone man who has just been directed to pay \$2,466 damage to a Miss WELKER, of that place, for failing to marry her and causing her to lose many other chances, will feel very much as if he were one of the lobsters she is said to have served at mid-night to her gentlemen callers.

-The announcement that Governor PENNYPACKER has appointed a bookworm for his private secretary is right in line with the general impression that Cousin SAM is going to have a good time delving into antiques during the four years that Cousin MATT is to be acting Governor of Pennsylvania.

-The people of Collingwood, Ohio, voted for local option on Friday, notwithstanding they have one hundred saloons in the town. The question was one of lose the saloons or lose the big shops of the Michigan Central Railroad and the Collingwood people were not long in making up their minds which they could best afford to lose.

-It is rather an unfavorable commentary on the good morals of Bellefonte that the association of ministers should be compelled to threaten prosecution in order to keep stores closed on Sunday, but since there is so little regard for the Sabbath it is well that action of this sort has been taken. If buyer or seller can't do all they need to in six days they had better chop off a little and save themselves from the danger of a coal shoveling job that there will never be any let up to.

-The carpet knights of Washington are out in all their pompous arrogance again. After sending DEWEY with the fleet to Venezuelan waters they have just cabled him that the Navy Department will direct his movements. This is equivalent to making the great Admiral as much of a nonetity as one of the stokers in his fleet. while Mr. Secretary MOODY, whose knowledge of naval affairs wouldn't give a flea congestion of the brain, assumes supreme command.

-There seems to be considerable criticism to the effect that the White House has been remodeled so much that there is no room left on the walls to hang the valuable portraits of the Presidents. Instead of the plain sides on which these historic souvenirs of the past hung there are now so many fancy panels and niches for statuary that there isn't even room for the picture of GEORGE WASHINGTON, which must now either go to the kitchen or the basement. fleet against a helpless sister Republic, But that won't break strenuous TEDDY's heart, so long as there are niches in which to place a few mud cowboys, mountain dion, etc.

would be ---- what SHERMAN once said war resembled.

South American War Begun

The war in South America has about begun, unless the proposed arbitration puts an end to it. On Saturday last the Auglo German allies bombarded the Venezuelan fortress at Puerto Cabello, demolished the fortress and sent marines from the British cruiser Charybdis to occupy the castle. The President of Venezuela had asked for arbitration and named the American Minister at Caracas as a man to whom he was willing to submit all differences. With respect to the matter immediately in issue President Cas-

tro had directed the officials of his government at the point to "give the British Admiral ample satisfaction." Notwithstanding those evidences of good faith and a willingness to be just, the allies bombarded a

fortress of an American Republic, while negotiations for the settlement of the difficulties were pending.

It is hardly worth while to talk about the MONROE Doctrine, for since the Imperialists began operations there has scarcely been enough of that left to cast a shadow. It not only forbade European aggression, but pledged this country to refrain from interference with affairs in the other hemis-

phere. When we violated our part of the agreement Europe probably felt that she was absolved from an obligation to keep hers and the bombardment is the logical consequence. It may be that there was an understanding between the governments of Washington and London, but whether that is true or not the act has been committed and one of the most cherished traditions of American government outraged. We can no longer set up the MONROE Doctrine as a principle of international law.

Thus we are paying the penalty of setting a clown to regulate the government of a great and earnest people. For nearly eighty years the MONROE Doctrine has been held as an inviolate principle of government. During President CLEVELAND's last administration au attempt to blockade a port of Venezuela was resented as an intolerable affront against the cherished traditions of the American Republic. But while the brouco buster is studying the latest fashions in cowboy clothes and planning absurd excursions in western wilds in search of hear Great Britain and Germany send a which from its foundation has been led to. look for protection to the United States, and destroy one of her principal forts. It is a in the count or the returns. shame for which Americans will blush for generations to come.

PAUL MORTON, vice president; of the "he added, except, perhaps, in securities." a nutshell.

The crops are the foundation of all prosperity and commercial and industrial activity in this country. Manufactures cut a good deal of a figure in the United States and the increasing volume of production in that line and the enhancing export trade in manufactures is most gratifying. But

the real wealth of the country lies in the area and fertility of the soil and from the beginning of the government prosperity has been measured by the success or failure of the crops. Abundant crops give employment to men, freight to carrying companies, business for manufacturing establishments, commerce for merchants and happiness to all.

The man who says that the tariff promotes industrial activity is either a knave or a fool. Can you enrich a man by robbing him ?. Certainly not, and it is no more possible to benefit a laborer by taking from his wages a greater proportion than the public necessities require in order to bestow the difference in the shape of unearned bounties on some favorites in return for contributions to the campaign corruption fund. Mr. MORTON has stated the facts. As long as the crops are abundant the times will continue prosperous and no longer.

For an Honest Count.

The WATCHMAN favors the adoption of the end it will secure not only honest and independent voting, but will insure an honest count of the ballots cast.

It is in the returns that the great frauds in this State are perpetrated. The vote as cast is as the voter intends it to be but when the rascally election boards in the great cities get through with their manipulation it is not the ballots cast that they sult. have considered but the demands of the

bosses whom they serve. Prior to the election they are given orders as to the majorities that each precinct is expected to return and it matters, not what the vote as cast would show if examined and counted, and the returns are bound to foot up just what the bosses have ordered. And ju t so long as creatures of these busses have the handling of the tickets and certifying to the results just so long will the fraud now complained of continue.

With machine voting there would be no hallots to count; there would be no boxes that could be stuffed; there would be no way by which returns could be manipulated or changed, for the face of the machine would show the number of votes cast for each candidate and that would end frauds

And this, above all things else is, what is needed in the cities.

Child Labor in Coal Mines.

a grand triumph of principle and courage.

The strike commission, according to the published reports of the hearings in progress in Scranton, has been greatly moved by the testimony of the children employed in the mines. That boys and girls so tender in years should be compelled to work, some of them all night, was a matter of surprise and some indignation to Justice GRAY, especially. But we regret to see that his indignation took the wrong direction. "We will send for the parents of these children," he said on one particular occasion, "and inquire wby they permit their children to work in that way." To our mind he ought to have sent for the presidents of the coal companies and made them tell why they violated the law.

There is a law in this State which forbids the employment of children of tender age in factories and no doubt it likewise applies to coal mines. The meagre wages

paid to older employes, fathers of families, makes it necessary to supplement his wages voting by machinery for the reason that in in some way to secure enough to provide food and clothing for the families. Because of this fact miners will not give information of the violation of the law. But if the employers would themselves obey the law there would be no such incidents as those which outraged the mind of Justice GRAY. Larger children or adults would have to be secured in that event and correspondingly increased pay would be the re-

> No doubt there are careless, not to say brutal, parents among the foreigners in the coal regions who work their children too young and too hard. But the tendency among working people is the other way and if the employers in the coal regions were compelled to obey the law with respect to the employment of child labor there would be no cause for complaint on that ground.

For that reason Judge GRAY would better have addressed his indignation against the operators in whose mine the children are employed than against the parents of the children who are probably forced to the action by the necessities of their families.

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one of the most solidly constructed appliti-cal machines to be found on this continent. Many years has the Republican machine held hard and fast to all that was worth holding. The fact has been generally lost sight of in the hullabaloo over machine methods in such great Commonwealths as New York, Pennsylvania and Ohio. Some people predict that more Democratic days coming for Rhode Island, stronghold that it has been for the Republican faith. That may or may not be true, but for a while the Rhode Island Republican bosses will have very meager pickings." And it might also be well to remember that this desirable result was accomplished in spite of the fact that the Democratic candidate for Governor ran upon the much abused Kansas City platform.

How that "Independence" Has Petered Ont. 8

From the Wilkesbarre Leader. Last fall the anti-Quay organs of the

Republican party that were urging the election of Quay's gubernatorial candidate. Judge Pennypacker, because of his alleged independence of machine domination and exalted character, are now convinced that he is all Quay's. Hence, we read in the Wilkes - Barre anti - Quay Pennypacker organ that "Senator Quay hopes to be able to announce the selection for all the places in Governor Pennypacker's cabinet not later than next week, possibly before the end of the present week. Durham for reappointment as insurance commissioner only one the Senator has definitely decided upon." It isn't in evidence that Mr.Quay has even shown the Governor elect the courtesy of consulting him in regard to the appointments.

Where that Advance Comes From. From the Meadville Democrat.

It is estimated that the advance in wages by the railroad companies will mean \$50,000,000 for railroad employes. It is also seimated that the advance in freight rates will mean \$120,000,000 for the railroads.

Bubonic Plague.

Three Cases Under Treatment in the Swinbu Island Hospital. Off New York.

NEW YORK, December 16 .- Three cas of bubonic plague are under treatment in the Swinburne Island hospital at Quarantine. The sufferers are the first and second cooks and the second steward of the steamer Saxon Prince, which arrived from Dur-ban, South Africa Tuesday, when, on inspection of the crew, three were found to be ill. A thorough examination of the patients convinced Health Officer Doty that they had all the symptons of the plague and they were taken to Swinburne Island, where cultures were made. The examina tion confirmed the diagnosis. One patient is convalescent, but the oth er two are still under treatment. The total number of the crew is thirty-one. There are five passengers on board, a woman and four children

The steamer will be sent to sea to discharge the water and sand ballast taken on board at Durban. She will then return to Quarantine, when the passengers and crew will be transferred to Hoffman island, where they will be held for ten days for observa-The effects of all will be thoroughly tion. disinfected and the steamer will be washed and disinfected in every part before being released. Dr. Doty says that there is no danger of a spread from the plague, as the whole matter is well in hand.