Aemocratic Matchman.

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Ink Slings

-Only a few shakes after you shake your winter flannels and you shake off this mortal coal.

-There is only one road to success and most people lose their way on it because they are "too short sighted to read the finger boards.

-The trouble Congressman SoloMON DRESSER has gotten into over the Clearfield post-mastership is not the kind that will be forgotten in two years.

-There are nine more working days left for the Legislature of Pennsylvania. Nobody would care a rap whether there were any left if all the appropriation bills were passed.

-The Philadelphia Irishmen who egged a bum show in a local playhouse on Monday evening could find plenty to do if they looked around in other towns in the State.

er a bad place to start a presidential boom. Why didn't Mr. JONES go to Chambersburg with it, for there he would have had a bet--The old maxim about time and

tide waiting for nobody to the contrary notwithstanding the tide at a number of se aside resorts is waiting for the usual flood of summer guests.

-- Let us hope that the passing of Dr. S WALLOW'S character by the Methodist conference, recently in session in Altoona, a mong ministers of the gospel that made the SWALLOW case possible.

-The reception Miss CLARA BARTON rec eived in Philadelphia on Sunday was s uch as to show that the public do not endorse the effort of a few notoriety seeking society women to drive her from the head of the Red Cross society.

-With ROOSEVELT and CLEVELAND touring the West at the same time there will be such a lot of strenuous and epigramatical verbiage sown to the winds that Mr. BRYAN will have to talk overtime for a long time after they turn their hopeful faces homeward.

-When the Sultan of Sulu comes to the World's Fair at St. Louis it will not be necessary for him to bring along any of may not be re-appointed to the office which those dusky Queens whom Uncle Sam gives he has so successfully though indecently him aid in supporting. There will be e nough of that kind doing business for themselves at St. Louis.

-The local minister who gave his congregation a much needed lecturing a few ev enings ago would have realized how invulnerable his hearers were if he had heard most of them remarking : "Didn't he give them fits, though." Not one of them was heard to use us.

-If the country members of the Legislature would treat Philadelphia the way she treats the country they would pass the Watersnake that threatens to turn their city water works over to political grafters. But there is a difference in the political Senate at Harrisburg on Tuesday when the morality of the country districts and Phil- ma jority led by Senator GRADY, of Philadelphia.

the little things said by big people. Now face of the protest of the Senator for the what does it matter to the Emperor of Ger- county concerned. Ever since the adoption m any how certain DEWEY is of being able of the present constitution the custom has to lickthe Germany navy as easy as he did the Spanish in Manila bay? So long as

-The little exaggerations in the press, in the social and business conversation and ev en in the pulpit are what are bringing the people of today to be wary and skeptical of everything. Sincerity is at a premium, nowadays, and the world is growing so selfish that few men seek to belp their f ellows unless it is to help themselves

-Strikes involving fifteen thousand men ushered in the mouth of April. They are no April fool either, but a good stern proposition for the Republican party to solve. What is this much v aunted prosperity and unprecedented good times that labor most everywhere be resorting to the last extreme to get enough to live on.

-If the President is nothing else he is one of the most accomplished grand-stand players in the business. Don't you think he crawled out on that engine, as his train was leaving Altoona on Tuesday, and rode over the mountain in the cab, because he liked it. That wasn't the reason at all. He wants the votes of organized labor next year. That is what he is after.

-The Washington magistrate who has decided to raise the fine for fast auto driving to \$150 may succeed in accomplishing Senatorial prerogative created by custom somet hing for the safety of pedestrians in the cities. It is appalling, the number of people who are run' down on the streets | Chester county and one of his champions was every day by reckless automobile drivers, and conditions have become such, most everywhere, that one's life is in constant jeopardv.

-The miners of the anthracite regions are about to experience the severest test of their allegiance to unionism. The anthracite brewers' association, comprising the twelve breweries that furnish [the bulk of the beer for the miners, has decided not to employ union labor any more and it is up to the miners now to either drink the lager made by non-union brewers or join the temperance cause. It is hoping for too much to think they will do the latter.



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No Cause for Alarm

The Mayor-elect of Philadelphia who will enter upon his duties on Monday Legislature is concealed in the SPROWL bill next appears to be giving the machine managers all sorts of pains. Soon after the the Commonwealth. There are other danelection he took a trip to Europe without gerous measures and the Watersnake which revealing his plans to those who believe is commonly believed to aim at the spoliathat they have a right to know all about tion of the city of Philadelphia by leasing such things and upon his return the other or selling the water supply agency of that day he made the curt but significant an- city to a group of political adventurers, is nouncement that he has determined on his bad enough. But there is so little reason to indicate who are the fortunate fellows. He did say, however, that he intends to phia, that it is hardly worth while talking -Pottsville? Pottsville? That was rathgive the city good government and that he about. The SPROWL bill proposes to plunis opposed to the scheme of selling the water works, a cherished machine enter- benefit of the millionaires who have their prise and those statements are causing suburban residence in the country ad-

Our advice to the machine politicians in Philadelphia, however, is not to worry too much over what seems to be a present danger. As a rule such menaces are more imaginary than real and unless the signs are misleading Mr WEAVER will be tractible enough after he gets fixed in his office. marks the passing of the kind of feeling It will be remembered that just before the inauguration of Governor PENNYPACKER all sorts of rumors were current of an irreconcilable difference between him and Senator QUAY. We were deceived ourselves by the appointment of HAMPTON L. CARson into the belief that may be the Governor would follow his conscience and let the politicians go to the dogs or some more unattractive place. But events since have proved that whether QUAY favored Mr. CARSON or not his political estate has not suffered from the actions of the Attorney

Judging by the past, therefore, we can see no reason why Mr. DURHAM should borrow trouble on account of the apprehension of unfriendliness from the incoming Mayor of Philadelphia. Mr. ENGLISH "farmed" during the four years of the administration of the atrocious ASHBRIDGE, but that will be no great loss to the mach ine it may be predicted for somebody equally obedient and even more serviceable will probably be selected and there will be just as much "pudding" and not nearly the same danger of scandal. WE AVER served the party machine faithfully in the office of District Attorney and he is not likely to be less useful as Mayor.

Smali Politicians Rebuked.

The petty politics of the Republican machine was revealed in a striking way in the adelphia, attempted to force the confirma--Entirely too much attention is paid to tion of a nominee for notary public in the of the relation of the tariff taxation to the been whether the Governor was a Republican or Democrat to appoint no one to the WILLIAM thinks he can't isn't that all that office in question unless with the consent of the Senator representing the county in which the applicant lives. Senator GRADY undertook to break that custom yesterday in order to revenge himself on Senator DANNER, of Northampton county, for some fancied grievance.

The contest was over the appointment of B. M. LEOPOLD, of Nazareth, Northampton county. LEOPOLD represented the bitter enemies of Senator DANNER of that county conspicuous among whom is General REED-ER, of Easton. When the appointment was made Senator DANNER, agreeably to the senatorial custom had it held up and appealed to the Governor to withdraw it. This the Governor agreed to do but subsequently under the importunities of REEDER changed his mind and so notified the Senator. Thereupon the senatorial courtesy and custom were again invoked and the matter remained in that condition until Tuesday when Senator GRADY of Philadelphia undertook to force the confirmation. An exceedingly spirited controversy ensued and GRADY was badly beaten.

In the discussion Senators DANNER, DEWALT and COCHRAN, Democrats, and Senators SPROWL, WHITE, GRADY, FOCHT and Fox participated. Cochran recalled the fact that during his first term in the office while General HASTINGS was Governor a precisely similar infringement ont he was attempted by the Governor. The Senator affected at that time was SNYDER of GRADY. Senator WHITE who voted with the Democrats confirmed the statement. Senator SPROWL, Republican, also spoke in favor of maintaining the dignity of the to the campaign fund of the Republican Senate and voted with the Democrats but singularly enough Senator SNYDER, who has been slated for the Republican nomination for Auditor General, cast his vote the other way. Still the attempt to confirm was defeated by a vote of 24 noes to 23 ayes and GRADY was overwhelmed in confusion

-The days of the Pennsylvania Legislature are numbered, so says QUAY.

A Dangerous Measure.

The menace of the present session of the providing for the construction of roads in concern about what happens to Philadelder the people of the State, however, for the jacent to that city.

The SPROWL bill provides for the creation of an expensive and, of course, inefficient bureau at the State capital which is to have charge of all road improvement work throughout the State, if the work is to be paid for in part by the State. The head of the bureau is to be a high salaried civil engineer and he is to be assisted by clerks, stenographers, messengers and other beef-eaters. The plan is whenever any county or township asks this bureau to help in the construction of roads the bureau will at once undertake the work and the State will pay fifty per cent. of the expense.

The county is required to pay twentyfive per cent. and the township the other quarter. If the request is not made the county or township will build its own roads as at present but the people will be obliged to pay on the fifty per cent. which the State engages to pay towards roads in the counties which do appeal to the

bureau. It is provided that the head of the bureau shall determine both the character and cost of the roads to be built under the bill adjacent counties appeals to the bureau it the payment of the proportion of the cost which devolves on the township and county pense from a long distance when there is better material nearer home. But the rich counties near Philadelphia want expensive be taxed for half the cost.

The Tariff Iniquity.

EDWARD ATKINSON, the famous New England economist, has just issued a statement, the result of a careful investigation industrial life of the country which is most significant. "The number of persons in the United State engaged in gainful purwage earners of the country are employed direct interest in tariff taxation except in

Thus a vast majority of the people of the United States are taxed inordinately and are able to make greater profits than would accrue to them under ordinary comthe worst feature of the tariff system. It makers abroad at prices which excludes their American competitors from the markets and thus closes up industrial enterprises in this country which if in operation would feed thousands of willing

Commenting on these facts the Pittsburg Post dec lares that "the present high level of tariff duties is maintained by a gigantic confidence game, and is positively injurious to important and widespread branches of American manufacture." It is even worse than that for it is a medium of despoiling the vast majority of the people in order to did much valuable work, but STONE, unapbestow unearned government bounties on a few for as a matter of fact even the 500,000 cations, appointed a man who laid noclaim employes of protected industries do not receive an additional cent of wages on account of the protection. That robbery is for the employers pure and simple and is bestowed in consideration of generous contributions

-The very fellows who want to charge most for work they do for charitable institutions are the ones who expect to be treat ed free by them.

-The House will, in all [probability, pass the Bellefonte hospital bill as it came from committee, and it will be up to the Governor soon to give us the \$5,000.

A Mysterious Measure.

Senator WHITE, of Beaver, introduced a little bill into the Legislature the other day which may mean much or little, but borrows interest from the uncertainty with which it is enveloped. It provides for the increase of the capital building commission by adding the Governor and "one other" whom he may appoint to that important body. As remarked that may mean simply nothing at all except to compliment most important appointments but declined | why the people of the State should feel any | His Excellency in a natural way, for in all past building commissions the Governor has not only been a member, but ex officio President. It would be a trifle strange, therefore, if the present Governor had no voice in the operations of a commission charged with the construction of a four million dollar capital during his term of

> But as intimated the little bill of Senator WHITE, of Beaver, may mean a vast deal politically speaking and a very considerable in other ways. For example, the increase of the committee to the extent of two, one being the Governor himself and the other chosen by himself might denude the late Governor of a good deal of patronage The custody of a considerable part of the appropriation for the building of the capital for a period of six years or thereabouts is somewhat of a graft and the control of the officers and employment of the labor an important power now in possession of the friends of ELKIN. With the proposed change those plums might be ransferred to another tree.

Whatever the purpose of the bill, however, we sincerely hope the building operations will be kept out of the aren a of politics. Thus far there are no signs that political influences have had much sway and probably for that reason the work has been moving forward in decency and order. No suspicions of dishonesty in the letting of and if a township in Centre or any of the the work or the procuring of the materials have been publicly expressed, at least, and takes the chances of saddling upon itself the indications have justified hopes of freeand the county an unendurable burden for dom from anything of the sort to the end. We hope the WHITE bill will not lead to a change in these conditions, and that the for a road of material which wasn't wanted | work may be completed without involving at all and may be brought at needless ex- the State or the commission in scandal or

automobiles and under the SPROWL bill jealousy when Mr. BRYAN, in his Commonthe people of other parts of the State will er, speaks derisively of the guests, at the Iroquois banquet in Chicago on the 16th middle of the bridge, blocking the way. their napkins and cheering at the mention of CLEVELAND'S name." If our memory serves us right it was just such a cyclonic lemonstration that whisked a certain obscure Nebraska lawyer into eminence at a national convention not many years ago.

A Good Appointment.

Three months ago we announced that suits," he declares aggregates 29,074,117 | Prof. HARVEY SURFACE, of State College, and of these only about 600,000 enjoy the | was a candidate for appointment to the poprotection of the tariff. That is to say less sition of Economic Zoologist. The chances than three-quarters of a million of all the were against b im, as he had no political backing to speak of and offered only scienin industries which are tariff protected. tific training and practical experience such The other 28,750,000 and odd have no as is necessary for the position. His rival was "Birdie" WARREN, for whom the posithat they pay the taxes and bear the bur- tion had been created by the late Gov HAS-TINGS, but who 'afterwards requested his resignation after the publication of the famous fifty thousand dollar bird book. Gov. outrageously in order that a small fraction | PENNYPACKER was indebted to WARREN of the population may enjoy the fiction that | for having turned to him an ELKIN delegate they are benefitted because their employers from Chester Co. and pressure was brought upon him to reinstate WARREN in his old position. The Governor, cognizant of his inmercial conditions. But this is not actually debtedness to WARREN, yet realizing the general importance of the position, finally enables such beneficiaries as the Steel trust satisfied WARREN by placing him at the to sell materials to machine and tool head of the Dairy and FoodCommission, thus leaving the way clear to make Prof. SUR-FACE Economic Zoologist and for this piece of fairness we must give him credit, just as in to what the American boy has done has when he held out for ROTHROCK for Forestry Commissioner. Both of these positions State and should never be allowed to become victims of spoliation, but should be held by men scientifically, rather than politically equipped.

Dr. HENRY FERNALD, now of Amherst, was appointed by HASTINGS to fill WAR-REN's unexpired term and in the years time preciative of anything but political qualifito zoological knowledge, and consequently could in no way enhance the department. With a salary of twenty-five hundred dollars, a fifteen hundred dollar clerk, the shade trees, nursery stock, crops, etc., throughout the State infested with all sorts of insect pests requiring constant warfare to keep them in check, it is very evident that much work ought to be done in this

department. Professor SURFACE has been associated with Comstock at Cornell and Forbes at the University of Illinois, where economic work has been most successfully carried on, has published and worked for years along these lines and brings to the position such experience and qualifications as will doubtit the appreciated and valuable department many other States.

Go On, With Your Insipid Little Grip.

From the Lancaster Intelligencer. Dr. Lorenz, the Vienna surgeon who has made the lame to walk by straightening so many limbs with his bare hands, has been talking very frankly and humorously to his friends at home about the strange ways of the Americans, and the worst he has to say of us is that we are without formality and dignity, and amazingly democratic. A policeman seized his hand and wrung it furiously, and the President of the United States, who happened to strongly resemble the policeman, did the same thing using almost the same language. Dr. Lorenz is evidently quite in earnest in speaking of the suffering inflicted by these well-meant handshakes, and he had no doubt endured others in plenty, besides those of the President and the policeman.

We are glad that he found no more serious cause for complaint, and quite pleased at the impression made by American democratic spirit and informality, although in the eyes of the Vienna surgeon it is evidently all wrong; but the point that he makes against ferocious handshaking should not be lost.

There are a great many of us who have that fierce and terrible habit of shaking hands with a sudden and vice-like grip. They are generally quite unconscious of the pain that they frequently give, and their victims are either too polite or too proud to give the least sign of suffering. These victims are by no means all weaklings or incapable of a vigorous grip in return. Dr. Lorenz, for example, is said to owe his wonderful success in the manipulation of joints to the exceptional strength of his large hands, as well as to a rarely accurate and well-trained touch. It is the sudden and unfeeling violence of the grip that does the damage. The savage handwringer literally pounces upon his prey, and grinds the bones together while his glance supports the unconscious innocence of his words of good will, and the victim controls with difficulty an impulse to violent re taliation, while he smiles the smile of good old martyr and returns assurances of

listinguished consideration. Now, this is all wrong, and we are glad that Dr. Lorenz has spoken about it without fear or favor to president or policeman. The President may, perhaps, be excused on the plea that he must shake or be shaken in the daily grasping of so many hands; but that only serves to urge more strongly the necessity of a final abandonment and stern prohibition of that sort of handshaking. It should be legally de ished as assault and battery. It should be legally defined and pun

As Seen Through the Glasses of Colonel

From the Louisville Courier Journal "To the great body of the Democrats of —We are not pushing Mr. CLEVE- the west and south Mr. Cleveland is an roads for their fine carriages and costly LAND's claim but it sounds very much like eyesore, an offense, a red flag; but to those bridge the chasm of 1896-1900, he is merely an obstruction. He stands right across the ult., "climbing on their chairs, waving Except for him there would be no serious

trouble. "His henchmen and idolators may say what they please. They can do all the deceiving that may be needful to impress the public mind with his disinterest His rule is to pose as a miracle of civil virtue-the unselfish statesman, the reluctant patriot and sage, who, withdrawn from affairs, disdains the offer of the crown, and would be but the half-consenting and wholly unselfish guide, philosopher and friend of the party which has thrice honored him with its leadership.

"If we were his friend, and assuredly we are not his enemy, and believed in his

lofty profession, we should say to him:
"Mr. Cleveland, the Democratic shipwreck came to pass while you were on the bridge. Many of the crew and some of the passengers hold you responsible and guilty of incompetency, if not of treachery. Even according to your own rating of yourself you have done enough for your party and your country. You are an old man. Why complicate the situation, embarrassing your friends and cheating your age of its repose by once more undertaking to seize the helm and steer the ship?"".

When the Boy Gets Out of College He Realizes His Mistake, But It's Too Late Then.

From the Harrisburg Patriot. Princeton's President and Princeton's undergraduates are not at one as to what constitutes a standard. "Cinches" in electives will be no more, and "flunks in exams" many more under the new regime of Woodrow Wilson, whose close research given him exalted ideas of what he still can do. The gloomy student view of the situation is embodied in a recent cartoon are vastly important to the interests of the of Nassau Hall enshrined in cobwebs, on the steps the solitary figure of President Wilson and beneath the inscription "1910 Wilson, that's all !" The astute historian and student of political ecnomy who now fills the president's chair, is only falling in line with raised educational standards everywhere, and it is safe to say that a Princeton's curriculum with those of all our colleges will e'er long be impossible to the undergraduate who thinks that aught but hard work is the keynote to success

The Mysterious Vision of Mr. Pennypacker.

From the Clearfield Republican

Cousin Sam can see a Durham-Elkin snake at forty rods, but his eyes grow exceedingly dim when one of the Old Man's reptiles crawls out of the Legislature into the executive office. Wonderful, how blind the poor old fellow becomes then. He can hardly see to sign his name, but he gets it on the measure somehow.

The Mote In Our Own Eye. From the Atlanta Constitution

As long as they have "sweat-shops" in the north where ten-year-old girls work ess create interest and enthusiasm to make | for 10 cents a day, the north might do better to look after its child slavery problem it should be and is in Massachusetts and before trying to settle the south's race postdiffice there, but of course they are of no

Spawls from the Keystone.

-Shamokin is trying to stop spitting, too. -The Lancaster revenue district yielded \$197,000 in taxes on cigars last month.

-Nine persons were baptised in the creek at Lancaster Tuesday, in the presence of 1500 spectators.

-All Mt. Carmel stores will close at 6 hereafter, so that clerks' hours will be shortened with miners'.

-Andrew Carnegie has given \$750 toward a pipe organ for Avon United Brethren

Church, Lebanon, -Charles Strenkowski, a married man, was arrested and put under \$300 bail as Mt. Car-

mel's alleged uncontrollable "hugger." -Soft coal has been raised 15 cents a ton.

wholesale, or up to \$2.15, at Pittsburg, while 26 cents has been added to the retail price.

-John M. Burkhardt, late of Newville, willed his mansion and farm to the Lutheran Orphans' Home, at Loysville, Perry county.

-Demented and foiled in an attempt to

slay his wife, Solomon Starrey, a farmer, drowned himself near Mont Alto. Franklin -Free postal delivery of mail was install-

ed at Lewisburg Tuesday, the carriers being Harry Stein, Eugene Kerstetter and Charles A. Walter. -The Manheim, Lancaster county, school

board has issued an edict against graduates giving or receiving presents during the commencement exercises. -A reunion of the surviving members of

the Pennsylvania Reserves will be held at Harrisburg on Wednesday and Thursday, June 24th and 25th.

-John T. Reed, ex-county superintendent of public schools of Lycoming, died at Williamsport Saturday afternoon as a result of grief over the death of his wife several weeks

-John A. Long, a Pennsylvania railroad carpenter employed in rebuilding the Shamokin creek bridge that was destroyed by fire, was struck on the back by a heavy timber Saturday, and internally injured. He died Monday afternoon at the Mary Paker Hospital. at Sunbury.

-Bituminous coal was advanced on April 1st, the beginning of the coal year, to the amount of 75c per ton, making the prices at the mines \$2. The advance was decided on after the Altoona convention. Besides the increase in wages, freight rates will be advanced 10c per ton.

-Another case of small pox developed in Huntingdon last Friday, the patient being Miss Maud Smith whose home is in Bedford county. She had been living in Huntingdon for some time. It is reported that she had recently made a trip to Pittsburg where it is supposed she contracted the disease.

-As a result of Superintendent Magowan. of the Warren schools, allowing a pupil to attend school without having complied with the law requiring all pupils to be vaccinated, he was fined \$5.00 and costs. The case will be appealed and fought to a finish. The outcome will be watched with keen interest by school boards throughout the state.

-John Gearhart, aged 85 years, died at his home near Blue Ball, Clearfield Co., Thursday morning. He was a lifelong resident of the community where he died, and followed lumbering and farming as his business. He was a man of sterling character and was a leading citizen of that portion of Clearfield county where he spent his life.

-Judge Martin Bell at noon Monday handed down his decision relative to liquor licences in Blair county. Of the eighty applications in the county, six were refused absolutely, and two are held under advisement, leaving the total number thus far seventy four. All the Tyrone applicants received license. Both Bellwood applicants were refused.

-John Coleman, of Williamsport, and Miles Wrigley, of Mahaffey, have purchased all the timber on the lands of Robert Mahaffey, deceased, of Mahaffey. These tracts are covered with a fine growth of white pine, hemlock, oak and other hard woods. The company will be called the Snyder Run Lumber company, with main office at Mahaffey, and will at once begin the erection of two saw mills.

-David Charters, a well known fruit grower of the Junitia valley peach belt, states that he has made an examination of his fruit and finds some of the peaches are frozen, but not all of them. From examination he believes the majority of the early peaches are frozen, and the late variety will make half a crop. The cherries he finds are all right and there will be a good crop of them. From investigation he does not believe the ice on the trees injured the cherries or apples.

-Mr. Willard, of Philadelphia, "by request," has introduced a bill at Harrisburg extending the law prohibiting singing, instrument performing and begging by children in the highways. The further prohibition, applicable to girls under 18 years, is to prevent their peddling matches, peanuts, newspapers, flowers or any other articles in highways, parks, office buildings, railway stations, etc. A person sending such a girl to do that is to be fined from \$50 to \$100.

-"Deacon John," and John Gregory, Armenian missionaries, were arrested in Lewistown the other day and sent to the county prison on complaint of the Huntingdon authorities, who charged them with soliciting money under false pretense. Recently a fellow in uniform canvassed the town thoroughly and gathered up lots of quarters and half dollars. Maybe he was "genuine" and maybe he wasn't. The best plan is to turn down all traveling beggars. There are ways to secure funds for proper purposes by systematic procedures that are sure to be reliable. The tramp beggar should be passed on empty handed or arrested.

-A smooth faced young man of dark complexion, apparently 25 years old, sold to Mrs. Clara Bratton, of Logan township, Blair county, on Wednesday, a certificate for \$1, entitling her to a membership in the Burial League of the United States. Upon the death of any member of the family the agent said the league would pay Mrs. Bratton \$100. The man signed himself W. C. Kline. He also collected money in the same way in other towns in the vicinity of Tyrone telling his victims, that the receipt could be cashed at the Tyrone postoffice at any time. Several such receipts have been presented at the