Democratic Matchman.

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Ink Slings.

-There was a time when wise men wot That the time to strike was while the iron was hot

But nowadays the workmen say The time to strike is when they want more pay.

-There seem to be a few Democrats left in Chicago, too.

-The time has come when the young husband must put in all his spare moments either pushing the perambulator or the lawn mower.

-They have opened up the DREYFUS case in France again. Surely our sister to gossip about.

-Mayor WEAVER, of Philadelphia.talks like a man who means to do right. The future, alone, will develop how well he practices his preachings.

-According to the Harrisburg standard of morality it's all wrong for a kid to smoke a cigarette, but it's all right for his pop to bet on a horse race.

-The fact that GUSTAVUS SWIFT, the Chicago pork packer, left twelve million dollars is evidence that he was a swift packer of something else besides pork.

-The Buffalo correspondents are trying hard to keep the BURDICK case before the public, but for once public greed for such shocking scandals seems to be satiated.

-Governor PENNYPACKER has vetoed the bill regulating the barbers trade and now there are plenty of fellows who will cling to the art tonsorial who ought to be chased back to the mines

-HANNA got his bumps in Cleveland on Monday. The election of TOM JOHNthe boodle Senator has received since his meteoric advent in politics.

-The cyclones that killed so many people in the southwest are still unaccounted -coming out of the Yellowstone park as it were-the cause would have been unmistakable.

-There were Democratic doings in Ohio and Michigan on Monday. We carried a number of the cities in both States, all of which goes to show that there are other places wanting good municipal government, in addition to Bellefonte.

-The Akron, Ohio, woman who killed a man with a single blow on the head must be a regular Amazon. That is, she is one if the man wasn't a mush head, and since we come to find out that he was peeping into her room he must have been one.

-The rejection of Adj Gen CORBIN'S application for membership in the Metropolitan club in Washington shows which way the wind blows among the men at the National capitol who are in a position to know who's who and what's what.



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Roosevelt's Absurd Speech.

President Roosevelt's tariff speech delivered in Minneapolis, on Saturday night, Ohio on Monday is a mixed victory for both was a strange mixture of inconsistencies Republic must be running short of matters and absurdities. He manifestly tried to er. In Cincinnati Democratic expectation satisfy the tariff reformers and keep on the was disappointed in the defeat of M. E. safe side of the ultra protectionists and like INGALLS, though why such hopes had been every other public man who has tried the experiment of carrying water on both going largely Republican for many years shoulders, he has made a spectacle of him- and during the last decade a rather disself. Possibly he may succeed in fooling those who profess to believe in the Iowa under the patronage of Senators HANNA idea, and it is practically certain that he and FORAKER a machine something like

> contributions. But he will certainly not and respectability behind him but those deceive a majority of the voters of the things don't count for much when there is country by such rubbish as that uttered in his Minneapolis speech.

In the outset he cordially commends the ratification of the reciprocity treaty with Cuba, which is a fraud on its face. If the Hon. TOM L. JOHNSON to the office of ratification had become effective immediate- Mayor of Cleveland. That city is the home ly there would be some reason in his claim of Senator HANNA as well as of some of the that "it widens the markets for our pro- most important trusts and every political ducts." But it can't achieve that result and personal energy was spent in the effort while it is inoperative and the terms of the to defeat the Democratic candidate who has ratification are that it shall not go into been all his life a conspicuously bold and effect until approved by the House of Rep- earnest opponent of monopoly and Repubresentatives of the next Congress. The licanism. But he was not only triumphson for Mayor is the most serious set-back last Congress refused absolutely to enact antly elected in a city which has not been any legislation which would decrease the consistently Democratic but carried his tariff rates on Cuban products and if the whole ticket through to victory with next House is of the same opinion the him by an increased majority. The electreaty will be abrogated and the self praise tion of Golden Rule JONES is probably not for. Now had they been in the northwest of the President will resolve itself into much of a victory for either party, though meaningless platitudes or worse.

After exhausting his vocabulary in commendation of the Cuban treaty, moreover,

the President proceeds to smooth the fur of the protectionist cat by asserting that any tariff revision at this time "would be disastrous in any event." The substance of the Cuban treaty is that it reduces the tariff rates and tariff revision would have the same effect. Now if reducing tariff rates by treaty, which is an unconstitutional method "widens the markets for our products," how does it happen that producing in this country the party in power profits the same result by legal processes "would be disastrous in any event." The truth is that the President doesn't know anything fore, fought under conditions most favoraabout the subject he is discussing and his oracular declarations of palpable inconsistencies make him out absurd.

Corrupt Methods in Legislation.

The Ohio Elections. The result of the municipal elections in parties and an absolute triumph for neithentertained is not clear. The city has been reputable politician has been building up will satisfy the trust magnates who under- that which governs Philadelphia. Mr. INstand potentiality of generous compaign GALLS, the Democratic candidate, had wealth equal wealth and much less respectability

on the other side. But the Democrats achieved a signal and significant triumph in the re-election of

he has been and probably will continue to act with the Democrats. Thus it will be seen that of the three large cities in the State the Democrats carried one overwhelmingly, lost another by about the usual majority and got a trifle of

the fight in the third. That is not what you might call a great triumph, but it is doing fairly well under circumstances which are particularly auspicious for the opposition. Politics have nothing to do with the present prosperity, but it is traditional that by good times and suffers from business adversities. The battle of Monday was, thereble to the Republicans and vet that party failed to gain at all and didn't, as a matter of fact, hold its own in the fight.

Trouble in the Camp. Governor PENNYPACKER's veto pen

No doubt Governor PENNYPACKER He Would Lay the Good Old Bible would like very well to have a full term on the Supreme judicial tribunal of the State and thus round out his long public life in a congenial employment at a comfortable salary and with abundance of leisure. But gratifying as that would be to himself the gers which the elevation of "Oleo" BROWN maculate conception and the fall of man to the office of Governor was probably too had been hopelessly shaken by the evolurevolting to his patriotic spirit and at the its enticing qualities. Hence the abandonment of the retiring measure last week.

Besides the brief experience which PENhas been flattered in every direction. The local historical societies at Harrisburg have in the struggle of life. presented him with honorary memberships and he has been invited to dinners and had to satiety. And such flattery is exceeding

pleasant to him. He mellows under it like a child with a new toy. His speeches are rather happy, moreover, barring his inevitable and perennial reference to his family history, and the chances are that he prefers his present office to any that could be conferred on him.

A Curtin Monument or Hospital, Which ?

Sometime ago the Daily News offered its columns for a discussion as to the best disposition to be made of the CURTIN memorial fund and what would be the most fitting memorial which this town could erect to its renowned citizen, the late Gov. jority or there was no choice to voice for only a few offered suggestions, the best among these being that of Rev. GEORGE ISBAEL BROWN for a Library and Museum. Mr. BROWN'S suggestion appealed; to the litterateur, to the sentimentalist who always loves to preserve relics of a past, to the artistic to whom the beautiful will always appeal, and, in a certain! manner, to the antiquarian who would always find a place for pleasing reminiscence and an opportunity to delve into the past through the medium such relics as might be afford. But the experience of other places

should be our best guide in this matter. New York, large and rich, only recently possesses a Hall of Fame. Boston may aford her fine library and Harvard Museum, Washington her Congressional Library and Smithsonian but we are in comparison a small and poor town and must either do without the luxury of a monument, ideal think that in all denominations people are as Mr. BROWN would erect, or the necessi ty of a hospital and since it is to be a memorial to honor the name of a man whose fame was in his care of the needs of the people whose Chief Executive he was, why not make it a hospital? The Taj Mahal is the most beautiful monument ever erected but lives were sacrificed in its building rather than helped by it. The love of a bereaved heart which sought expression for its grief in such exquisite workmanship might have offered a yet more beautiful memorial in alleviating the sufferings of his helpless subjects. Will not Phipp's million dollar hospital for the cure of poor consumptives be a better monument than this beautiful structure of India? No hero ever sacrificed his life for a marble monument, but for the good of a country and its people. Did WASH-INGTON OF LAFAYETTE OF HAMILTON OF any of our great heroes struggle that they might have an arch or building erected to their memory? No, but that they might help others. It would, assuredly, be a nice thing for our town if every prominent man who ever lived among us had left a memorial, whether statue, library or museum, to keep his name ever with us ! That honor belongs solely to a woman who, poor as the world counts riches, yet left the town richer in its Petriken hall and the memory of the blower the red and yellow Sunday supgenerosity of its donor. Bellefonte cannot afford to put a large sum into a purely ornamental monument, no matter how beautiful, and even though the beautiful and useful be combined as in a library, it would have to be maintained and that is often the most difficult to provide; whereas a hospital, as a memorial might be a beautiful building with its maintenance insured-first, by those to whom such a work always appeals; second,

Modern Theories Aside for

From a Sermon by Rev. Dr. Frederic Hinckley. Rev. Fredrick A. Hinckley, pastor of the Spring Garden Unitarian Church at Philadelphia, said in an address delivered Sunday that it is too late now to maintain the tion of modern thought. "No one need be suprised," he said, "at

last moment he served notice of revolt against the scheme which robbed it of all slowly into all denominations, at least in the form threatening suspicion, that Jesus had a human father ; that there has been no fall of man, but a constant ascent of man; that each of us must work out his NYPACKER has had in the office of Gover- own salvation ; that the great leadership nor has been exceedingly attractive. He of Jesus was not a monopoly, and that has been flattered in every direction. The those children of the Infant who never came within His influence are not helpless

SHATTERING OLD BELIEFS. "We have been hearing a good deal in other social honors bestowed on him almost to satiety. And such flattery is exceeding heresy through the medium of the public press ; the controversy now stirring one of our great denominations has become public property. It contains some elements of large import to the general and religious welfare which I esteem it a right and duty to consider. "The occasion which called out this

statement is found in some utterances at Lenten services by a supposed heretical rector from New York. And the danger involved to the Christian faith is said to have been greatly increased because young folks were present and the audience was

made up of men and women. "The great doctrines of the Gospel and of the creed which it is said were questioned by the heretical speaker are the infalliblity of the Old and New Testaments as the word of God, the miraculous con-ception and birth of Christ, fall of man and currin. Either the possibility of erecting anything seemed too mythical to the mapropitiation for our sins ; the one mediator between God and man.

> REVISION OF THOUGHT. "To question these doctrines is declared

"To question these doctrines is declared to be heresy. Men have thought a great many things in the past which, wiser grown, they do not think now. "No one need be surprised at the grow-ing and spreading conviction that certain portions of the Bible have been shown to be in error, and that as a whole it is not an infallible hook but a literature varied in infallible book but a literature varied in kind and quality. "All this is what has come from living

in a white light of modern science. For a long time the human mind was not free to gathered together in such a building would exercise its functions in the realm of religion.

OLD BELIEFS WON'T STAND. is too le

Spawls from the Keystone.

-The First National bank of Houtzdale is doing business, the doors having been opened on April 1st.

-Four men were killed and several injured at London mine near DuBois Friday by a fall of rock and earth. The dead are : Earl Waggett, Edward Fye, George Traux, William Phipps.

-Mrs. E. R. Prosser, of Barnesboro, has the distinction of being, probably, the first woman of Cambria county to be drawn as a juror, her name appearing in the list for the special term of court to be held in May.

-Members of several families living in one ection of Huntingdon became very sick on Saturday, evidently from eating corned beef which no doubt contained some poisonous preservative.

-The Commonwealth hotel property in Harrisburg has been sold to the James Mc-Cormick estate for \$230,000. After January 1st, next when the lease of James Russ expires, the corner will be converted into a business block.

-Bids have been asked by the Pennsylvania railroad for new round-houses and re-

pair shops to cost approximately \$2,000,000, to be built at Altoona and Hollidaysburg. The Hollidaysburg plant will be used in connection with the Portage railroad, now rebuilding. Contracts will be awarded about April 15th.

-The anti-cigarette bill, which was passed by the Senate and concurred in by the House is now a law, having been signed Monday by the Governor, and it goes into effect immediately. The bill makes it a misdemeanor punishable by a fine of from \$100 to \$300 for any person to sell cigarettes or cigarette paper to a minor under 21 years of age.

-West Moshannon has been suffering from an epidemic of an eruptive disease which all the doctors but one pronounced chickenpox, and that one claims it was a mild form of smallpox. A visit from the State Board of health Thursday, we understand, supports the smallpox theory and a general quarantine is to be established on all roads leading through the infected place.

-The Huntingdon News says a man named Hazzard, whose home is in Tough Creek valley, visited Huntingdon Monday, having \$25 with him to make some purchases at a sale on the fair ground. But unfortunately for him he fell into bad company, became intoxicated, was placed in the lock-up and when sober the next day he found that his money was gone. It was his first and last spree, so he says. There is no clue to his lost money.

-A colony of 45 farmers from the Kishacoquillas and Big Valleys, Mifflin county, left Lewistown last week for North Dakota, where they will take up claims and enter agricultural pursuits. A greater portion of these were Amish people who have been tenants on the most fertile farms in Juniata valley. They have sold their effects and left, asserting they could no longer compete with western farmers in crop raising. Several other colonies expect to leave in a short time.

-The weather man has been springing some decided surprises on humanity the past few days. Friday he treated us to a regular June day and brought the mercury up to beyond the 80° mark. Saturday it was down to 40 degrees, while snow flakes fell

gratifying as that would be to himself the idea of surrendering the State to the dan-as many of them pertaining to the im-

-Every report that comes from abroad is to the effect that Shamrock III is showing more speed. As long as it is only "more" our yachtsmen need not be concerned. When it comes down to the boat showing "most" speed. Why that one is on this side the water.

-Science would do the world a great service if it would discover the ingredients that make up the fluid with which candidates for office embalm their pre-election promises, after the election is over. The jobs are all good ones, for nothing is ever heard of such promises again.

-Former Vice President STEVENSON lost his hair and moustache while putting ont a fire in his bedroom at Bloomington, Ill., a few days ago. Painful as must have be en his suffering we doubt if it was any more acute than lots he caused when he was fourth assistant Post Master General.

-The discovery that the new battleship Maine is not structurally strong e nough to withstand the recoil of the great guns with which she is equipped should purpose of that provision of the fundalead to the discovery that there are some engineers preparing designs for our navy who had better be scraping down decks.

-The President has buried himself in Yel lowstone park for the rest that will be his in a study of the flora of that wonderful country. Perhaps, since the returns of the Cleveland election have come in, he might find among the tall timbers out there the punctured presidential boomlet of the octopus MARCUS AURELIUS HANNAS.

-SANTOS DUMONT'S scheme to carry visitors to the St. Louis fair all over the grounds in an air ship for the price of two cents per pound, live weight, would probably be cheap enough were he to collect the fare at the end instead of the start of the journey. For the possibilities are that unless his new machine works very much better than some of his old ones there wouldn't be many passengers alive at the end of the journey.

-The SALUS libel bill now before the Pennsylvania Legislature is about the most outrageous measure ever proposed as a punishment for the honest press of the State. It is the consummation of all that is unjust and pernicious and could only have been conceived in the cowardly minds of those who are afraid to have their actions exposed in the lime light of public scrutiny. If the press of the State is to be bridled as the SALUS bill provides that it shall there will be such a record of political crimes, intrigue and plunder as was not even dreamed of in the worst days of the Roman Empire. Pennsylvania will fall to the lowest depths when the last obstacle-the fearless newspaper-is removed from the path of the political brigand.

In the Senate of Pennsyl vania the day, the attendance being rather meagre, a motion was made to discontinue the calendar of general legislation and take up that of appropriation bills, most of which being for other than state institutions required a two-thirds vote to carry them through. As bills of a general character only require a majority vote the fact excited comment and one of the Senators present, according to a Harrisburg correspondent, remarked that it is perfectly safe to consider appropriation bills with a small number of Senators present, because every-

body is marked up on such measures, whether they are present or not. The constitution requires that every bill which passes the Legislature must be read at length on three separate days, consider-

ed and agreed to and on final passage the roll must be called, "the names of the persons voting for and against the same be entered on the journal and a majority of members elected to each House be recorded thereon as voting in its favor. The plain mental law was to prevent the marking up of anybody unless he is actually present and answers to his name. The marking up of everybody is simply a form of ballot box stuffing quite as reprehensible as any

other type of that crime. The practice which has grown up in the Senate of marking up everybody on appropriation bills is, therefore, a direct violation of the constitution of the State. It is the result of the anxiety of every Senator to get as much out of the treasury for the district he represents as possible, without regard to the methods necessary to achieve the result. One Senator must vote for the appropriation bill of another, however iniquitous, in order to get the support of the other for his bill equally bad and the result is a system of log-rolling which puts the constitution in contempt and the conscience of every Senator to sleep. There can be no reform while such things endure.

----It doesn't take a very long head to see through Governor PENNYPACKER's "revival of an old custom" in having the trustees of the University of Pennsylvania meet in the office of the Secretary of the Commonwealth. The University has been trying for years to make Pennsylvania believe that it-and not the Pennsylvania State College-is the ward of the State and inasmuch as the Governor is a trustee of the Philadelphia institution it looks as if this "revival" gives his endorsement to a scheme that would have the State violate a sacred pledge it made to the federal government in 1862.

-----Subcribe for the WATCHMAN.

at last created havoc and all sorts of dire consequences are predicted. It was the cigarette bill which did the business, but a miss is as good as a mile and one measuse as potential as another for making trouble. The cigarette bill has accomplished that result in various languages, according to reports that come from Harrisburg. It brought QUAY to the capital almost before the ink was dry and at that DURHAM got there ahead. They were too late to remedy the evil and now QUAY is wondering how he can satisfy the tobacco trust that it wasn't his fault and that not much harm has been done any way.

No campaign contributors have been more generous to the Republican party during recent years than the American tobacco trust. During the contest of last fall that corporation was particularly munificent when QUAY appealed to it for help and assured them that there would be no cigarette "pincher" in the Legislature this year. Two years ago the same little joker bobbed up and the trust was obliged to pay several thousand dollars to get it killed off. Last fall QUAY guaranteed the officers that this year it wouldn't cost them a cent, for in the event that such a measure were introduced and passed he would have it vetoed. Thus as-

sured the trust let it go through without remonstrance.

But the Governor either forgot or purposely disregarded the pledge made by QUAY and signed the bill and now the trust is after QUAY and he is without defence. The first information he received of the affair was in a shape of a sharp telegram from the trust officers and he im mediately set out for Harrisburg, where he arrived on Tuesday evening. What took place between himself, and the Governor when they met has not been revealed and probably wouldn't be fit to print in a family newspaper anyway. But it is safe to say that the American tobacco company will make no more campaign contributions to QUAY.

Pennypacker and Machine Plans.

It may be assumed that Governor PEN-NYPACKER himself gave the solar plexus blow which put the bill for the retirement of a hospital. of Justices of the Supreme court asleep forever last week. The plan was to induce Chief Justice McCOLLUM, who is in feeble health, to resign and thus create a vacancy on the bench to be filled by appointment. The scheme further contemplated the resignation of Cousin SAM from the office of Supreme court bench.

by those who would be interested in it as a memorial; third, by state legislation which will sooner or later come to the aid

will be a small, plain one always struggling defects, etc., etc." and unable to do the good it might were it a memorial.

-Joseph Kuapper, a Philipsburg boy, Governor to which the Oleaginous BROWN and the youngest of the five applicants who would succeed under the constitution with tried for the examination for Annapolis on the understanding that he would appoint Tuesday, at Clearfield, had the best papers PENNYPACKER to fill the vacancy on the and will probably be appointed by Congressman Dresser.

vulnerability of the old church doctrines. They have many of them, and certainly all been shaken hopelessly in proposition as thought has been free to deal with them. "That is why you and I in common with

far in advance of the creeds which have been handed down to them from the past. But here we have a deliberate reaffirmation of the Old Error made by thinking men and the declaration that to ques tion them is a heresy that must be driven from the church.

· HERESY IS PROGRESS. "Those who oppose heresy assume that what already is is complete and perfect. They dislike instinctively the spirit of innovation, the spirit which is constantly

making all things new. "Now I want to say that hersey is the first step in all progress. You cannot find in any realm of thought or of action any progress which does not begin on the sup he established order.

"The signers of the Declaration of Inde pendence were all heretics. They struck out from the old idea of things in a way that startled mankind. Every great ad-vance, of which we have had so many in

inspires men to be enlisted in some honored movement that they will never surren-

The Humorous Side of Quay Bailot Reform.

From the Reading Herald. When the ennnied or overworked citizen seeks refreshing amusement, a light laugh to drive the blues away, he need not turn plement. A Republican platform will do ust about as well. There is far more humor in these documents. Somebody might suggest it was unconscious humor. But not at all. We can well imagine the framers of these platforms shaking with langhter over their construction, and be

hold great tears of jollity welling up in Mr. Quay's eyes as the rough draft is read off to him. Thus, for instance, take last year's docu-

ment: "Unequivocally and with emphasis," it reads, "this convention declares for a pure and honest ballot in the State of Pennsylvania, and for the enactment of laws, as will most effectively and speedily accomplish this most desirable purpose. "The Republican party of Pennsylvania," it goes on, "stands prepared to aid any or all other parties in remedying the

Not badly humorous in itself, possibly, but the very quintessence of humor when you consider all the circumstances and study subsequent events. Read this plank of a year ago, and then look at the present Legislature. See the Republicans in the latter body carrying out this unequivocal and emphatic declaration. Behold the Re publican party of Pennsylvania doing their part in remedying defects. And then howl with mirth over the satire of the thing

and the stored away overcoats and jackets were hauled out of the recesses and put of those included in this recent statement, to good use again. Persons with weak lungs should carefully guard against such sudden changes in temperature.

> -The preliminary steps were taken in Schuylkill county courts recently in the suit of which Mrs. Elizabeth Burmeister has instituted against the borough of Ashland to recover \$20,000 damages, because her husband died of the smallpox. It is alleged that he was forcibly removed from his home to the emergency hospital in Butler township. and that he died from neglect and lack of proper treatment. He died two years ago. The outcome of the suit will be awaited with much interest.

-Jersey Shore had an exciting and disastrous fire Sunday night but the blaze was confined in its destruction to M. L. Staver's barn, on South Main street. The loss on the barn and contents will total \$1,000, position that there is something better than but the other losses will be insignificant. There was a high wind blowing at the time, and the sparks from the burning barn sailed around furiously in all directions. Half a dozen buildings were on fire at one time, but the five hose companies succeeded in getting religions thought and practices, marks the them out. Besides the live stock in the barn breaking out of a new heresy. Savonarola there were two or three vehicles, and a lot was a heretic, Martin Luther was a heretic. of fireworks owned by druggist J. E. Mohn, "Heresey cannot be driven out. It so and these all went up in smoke.

> -Joseph Brown, a brakeman, was killed in the Altoona yard Friday. He started to dinner and, as was his custom, boarded a "pull up" at Twelfth street. He lived at Fifteenth avenue and Twenty-fourth street. At Twenty-fourth street he got down on the engine step and swung off. Behind him on the next track, going faster and faster every minute. was No. 11. He did not see the engine of the mail train until it struck him. He was knocked down by the locomotive and was struck on the left side of the head, near the back, causing a fracture of the skull. In the fall his left leg was caught under the wheels and ground off between the ankle and knee. He died almost instantly.

-L. B. Detwiler is a young man, and until recently was a brakeman on the Pennsylvania railroad. He boarded with Mrs. Maggie Mansfield in Altoona, and jumped his board bill of \$17. He was quite intimate with another railroader named John M. Smith. At Pitcairn on February 12th he such laws, or the amendment of existing entered the pay car of the Pennsylvania road and signing the name of Smith to the pay roll drew his friend's pay amounting to \$77.15. On the following day at Derry he entered the car again and drew his own pay of \$54. He was arrested at Rockhill Furnace. Huntingdon county Wednesday night and taken to Altoona and locked up. He was given a hearing before Alderman Snyder involving the board bill. The young man's father appeared, paid the bill and costs, and in the railroad money case he refunded the amount, paid the costs and thus secured the defendant's release. Detwiler is 28 years old and comes from a good family, his uncle being the associate judge of Huntingdon county.

We will have a hospital anyway, but it