Aemocratic Matchman.

BY P. GRAY MEEK.

Ink Slings.

-The longest pole knocks the persim mon-Western Union poles excepted.

-It is beginning to look as if the Reliance will lash the new Shamrock to her mast the very first time they meet.

-The reign of the Panama hat was short lived and there was enough money sunk in them last season to have built the Panama canal.

-Senator HANNA has withdrawn his opposition and now the Ohio Republicans may endorse ROOSEVELT. How happy they must be.

-Those terrible storms still carry destruction throughout the West and the President doesn't seem to have sense enough to come home.

-Investigations in the Post Office Department are beginning to disclose a great big fire behind the smoke that has been blinding the public eye for some time.

-HANNA must have held that if the Ohio endorsement was worth having it was worth asking for, since he forced Roose-VELT to say : Please Mr. HANNA, may I -If the Republicans of Centre county

who are looking for a candidate for judge would call at the office of Col. EDWARD CAN-I-GIT-IT CHAMBERS they will discover | will have the temerity to antagonize QUAY. that their search is o'er. -The automobilists who were killed in

that great Paris-Madrid race on Sundayand the spectators, too, who fell victims of the fatal machines-might all have been alive had they been in church. -The editor of the Republican has ap-

peared in the role of a Wise Man. He has seen 'a star in the east' and urges all good Republicans to follow it. He will probably be in the pilgrimage, himself, if this new star of his doesn't travel too fast.

-Philadelphia's law and order society burned thousands of dollars worth of slot machines and other confiscated gambling devices in that city last week, but it is safe to say that there are thousands of other ways left in that city for burning money.

-The Republicans nominated a leading press muzzler for Auditor General on Wednesday. Now let us see how many of the state papers that have called PENNYPACK-ER what he is for having signed the bill will oppose Mr. SNYDER for having voted

-Tomorrow will be Memorial day. How many will observe it in a manner that to bribe delegates who had been instructed will be real tribute to our hero dead and to vote for ELKIN to support PENNYhow many will scarcely have time to realize what the day is for, between the impending campaign any political atrocity base ball games, races, dances and picnics that will be going on ?

-The farmers down through the eastern part of the State whose fields were de stroyed by a cloud burst while they were at church praying for rain, must have been thoroughly convinced of the efficacy of prayer though they couldn't have gone about it with moderation.

-After thirty-five years of success as a negro minstrel GEORGE PRIMROSE has retired from the stage and it is said that he remembers all the jokes that were cracked by the black face artists when he began his career. The wonder is that Mr. PRIM-ROSE didn't retire long ago.

-That Paris-Madrid automobile race demonstrated one thing that is worthy the consideration of our War Department and that is, if devices for killing people are what is needed the modern racing auto seems to be an improvement on any of the large guns that have been tried by the army for some time.

-Mr. WHITNEY, the VANDERBILTS and other wealthy residents are spending thousands of dollars experimenting with the hope of exterminating the mosquitoes about New York. Experiments to the contrary notwithstanding the mosquitoes are still doing business and WHITNEY and VANDER-BILT corporosity is just as good as any other for operating on.

-The American Society of Equity is the name of a new organization that has been formed at Indianapolis for the purpose of raising the price of wheat to one dollar a bushel and maintaining it at that figure. Theoretically, the plan may work out, but the old law of supply and demand will fix the price of the cereal, notwithstanding the best land plans of this new society.

-Rear admiral BOWLES, the chief constructor of the navy, should have been a little more explicit in his report of luxuries that have no place on our warships. Among other things he says some of the larger ones carry three hundred and fifty tons of bath tubs and radiators; there being two of the former for the Admiral, one *for himself and one for a guest, used about once a year. Admiral Bowles' statement would either make the public believe that the Admiral doesn't have guests very often or that he doesn't take a bath very often.

-Republicans who have been anxious to see QUAY get out so that they might be able to have a hand at the wheel are taking heart because of a remark he made in Pittsburg during the fore part of the week. The old man is reported to have said burg, the young men can run the conven- are winners he needn't go hungry. tion." Of course they can, but as long as he runs the young men there will be little hope of any one else doing any of the steer-



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An Honorable Position.

Our Republican contemporaries, the Altoona Tribune and the Altoona Gazette, entered into an agreement to oppose the elec-Chester county, in the event of his nominaagreement they will probably defeat the earn the everlasting enmity of the machine. If they fail they will likely sacrifice their

the reward of QUAY's patronage. As we have heretofore stated we have no idea that the average Republican paper Honor, manliness and every consideration of decency would require them to oppose Senator SNYDER, who voted for the iniquitproceedings. The Philadelphia Press has stated that no self-respecting Republican paper can say a word in his behalf or refute | measure essentially. any attack made by the Democratic press. But most of the Republican papers will do all they can to promote his election for the reason that most of them care more for the approval of QUAY than they do for personal nonor and manhood. The hope of spoils is a more potential influence than the aspiration for the good opinion of decent citizens.

Both of our Altoona contemporaries are under deep obligation to the Republican party. One of the proprietors of the Tribune is in the consular service of the government and one of the owners of the Gazette is an official in the revenue service of the affair. the federal government. The President is a backer of QUAY and will probably consent to any perversion of the public service which the Senator demands. A year ago. it will be remembered, he allowed Senator QUAY to use the federal offices as currency | goes to their credit. If it silences the crit-PACKER and it may be assumed that in the of the Republican leaders. It is as much which produces the results will be tol-

hard time of it therefore. But if they adhere to their agreement, notwithstanding the opposition which will be brought forward to force them, they will create a journalistic standard in this State which will continue for all time. After that the boodling and blackmailing newspaper will be a thing of the past and a horrible nightmare. Such an achievement may be expensive to our esteemed Blair county contemporaries but it will result in a marvelous moral victory. For all time they will be pointed to as the saviours of their journalistic associates from the shame in which they have so long existed. It will be a grand position to occupy and worth all it costs.

Horses and the Auto.

While automobile races are attracting the attention of millionaires everywhere and murdering people wantonly in continental Europe the horse is doing fairly well, it may be said. For example, the famous race horse, Hermis, was sold the other day in New York for \$60,000. The purchaser at that rather handsome figure was Mr. R. E. THOMAS, of New York. Mr. THOMAS had just previously become owner of Onatas, a three year old colt, at a cost of \$15,000; of Yardarm, a colt of the same age at \$20,000 and of Dimple, a two-year old filly, for which he paid \$20,000.

Of course a multimillionaire who has ambitions in the horse line would be getting off cheap if he could establish a first class stable at that aggregate. But a stallion, three colts and a filly only make the nucleus of a first class establishment and no doubt Mr. THOMAS will continue buying until he has reached a collection something like that of Mr. WHITNEY, Mr. KEENE amount mentioned, \$115,000 for four, is a good beginning. But a complete outfit is at least a dozen mares of the highest type, twice that many fillies and half a dozen stallions worth each the price paid for Her-

Our purpose was not to show the expense or extravagance of keeping up a first class stable for breeding purposes or a winning string for racing operations. We merely wanted to indicate that the present is no time for automobiles to get gay, for as a matter of fact notwithstanding the popularity of those dangerous conveyances among millionaires and fools the horse is losing nothing in popular estimation or market price on account of the new method of locomotion and conveyance. The fellow who breeds good horses will always "There is no need of my going to Harris- have a market for his product and if they Harrisburg on Wednesday expressed its

-Among the "many wise and beneficent laws which will redound to the passed, the GRADY-SALUS libel bill and ing on the Republican barque in Pennsyl- credit of our Commonwealth" is the press the editor of the Gazette voted contempt muzzler, we presume.

The Responsibility Fixed.

If there were any doubts concerning the relationship of the press muzzler to the Republican machine, the state convention tion of State Senator WM. P. SNYDER, of on Wednesday dispelled them. After nominating for head of the ticket a gentletion for Auditor General. He has been man who voted for the muzzler convennominated and it remains for our con- tion, presided over by a gentleman who not temporaries to "make good." That is to only voted for it but trampled on the consay it is up to them to carry out their stitution in order to make the vote effective, agreement on the subject or stultify them- placed Senator PENROSE, who organized selves by a default. If they fulfill the the force in support of it, at the head of the state committee and endorsed as wise and candidate of their party in the county and patriotic the Governor who gave it his approval.

As a matter of fact the convention might own self respect, the confidence of all justly be designated as the "press muzdecent citizens in the community and earn | zler's parliament." Half the Philadelphia delegation were Senators and Representatives in the Legislature who voted for that iniquitous piece of legislation. Every man who participated in the preliminary work of the convention was conspicuous in the movement which culminated in the enactment of the monstrous law. In fact, by ous press muzzler at every stage of the the action of the convention the party organization directly assumed responsibility for the muzzler. It has been made a party

> Of course the odium of signing the bill is still on the Governor. With a Legislature composed largely of irresponsible and to a great extent immoral hangers on of the machine in the large cities little is to be expected. Many of these who voted for the bill in the Senate and House probably never read the constitution of the State and wouldn't understand it if they did. But the Governor is supposed to be a man learned in the law, a student of history and a professor of integrity. Therefore he can't escape responsibility for his part in

But the muzzler now stands as part of the Republican party of Pennsylvania. Whatever is baneful in it has the endorsement of the party managers who must take the blame for it, as whatever is good in it icisms of the press and thus promotes official venality the evil is upon the heads a part of the doctrine of the party as protective tariff and the expansion which inerated. The Altoona papers may expect a volves imperialism. There must be no misunderstanding on that point.

The Postoffice Scandals

The latest developments in the postoffice scandals leave no doubt of the culpability of some of the high officials of the Department under the administration of President McKINLEY. It has not appeared as yet that any corruption has been indulged in under the administration of the present Postmaster General. But his attempts to conceal the facts and shield the criminals sociates him with the crimes so closely as to make it practically impossible for ROOSEVELT to continue him in the office. Such a relationship between them after the recent exposures would put a stain upon the reputation of the President himself.

For example, in the answer of one of the accused officials he acknowledges the signing of a letter in which these words occur: "You may take up for examination any postmaster's accounts for the fiscal year 1890 except New York city and Washington, D. C." This the author of it says is a very innocent and insignificant little letter. But carefully analyzed it is neither innocent nor insignificant. It was plainly a suggestion to make a general investigation of postoffices which were not accused with the view of diverting attention from those which were accused and would not stand scrutiny.

The serious accusations are that officials of the Postoffice Department drew money from the treasury which didn't belong to them on warrants fraudulently issued and every effort has been made to prevent an investigation of those charges. If they were false why should there be a desire for concealment. An honest public official has no reason to object to an examination and some of the other high steppers. The of his accounts. It will be claimed, no doubt, that Postmaster General PAYNE is only concerned for the reputation of his party. But the reputation of his party will be better conserved by exposing rascals than through the concealment of their

> -The Pennsylvania Reserves have notified Gregg post of their intention to send a tribute to be laid on the grave of Gov. Curtin on Memorial day. It has been the custom of the Reserves to send a set piece for the grave of the War Governor every year since his death. Gregg post is always asked to take charge of it and, accordingly, commander Emanuel Noll has been notified of it.

--- The Republican state convention at contempt for the Pennsylvania newspaper by endorsing Governor PENNYPACKER, who signed, and the Legislature, that passed, the Grady-Salus libel bill and the editor of the Gazette voted contempt for himself by voting for such resolutions.

End the Robberies Now.

The Republican state convention has declared against any revision of the tariff by the present Congress. It has also declared its abiding confidence in the wisdom and patriotism of President ROOSEVELT. These two declarations are diametrically opposite to each other, for while the President was in Iowa and since in a speech made in California, he pronounced, emphatically, in favor of such changes in the tariff schedules as are necessary to remove the existing shield to monopoly. That is to say the President under the influence of the Iowa sentiment accepted the Iowa idea while the Pennsylvania Republican platform means "stand pat."

As a matter of fact the Pennsylvania Republican platform is a guarantee of security to monopolies for two years more. It will be remembered that about two years ago the Manufacturers' club of Philadelphia announced that two years from that date the members of it would consent to a revision of the tariff involving a substantial reduction in schedules. We remarked at the time that when the time expired they would ask for a renewal of the license to rob. The declaration of the Republican platform made at Harrisburg on Wednesday vindicates that judgment. It is a demand for two years more of a license to loot. It is a plea for an extension of the franchise to rob.

In no instance in the history of the world has any robber voluntarily relinquished his loot. Sometimes, when the officers of the law get too close on him, he will hide his plunder or if possible throw it away. But he invariably wants to delay his reforms. The confirmed drunkard pleads for delay in the operation of shutting off the drink. In asking for a delay in the alteration of the revenue laws to the end that public robberies may be shut off at once, the legalized robbers of the Republican party are, therefore, simply following the examples laid down by other robbers throughout the history of the world. But there is no use in further indulgence.

-POULTENAY BIGELOW might succeed in making the British believe that the United States army soldiers are a lot of weaklings and their officers "men incompetent to lead a brigade," but if he does the English will have to forget history that tells them of what the grand sires of these "weaklings" and "incompetents" did one hundred years or more ago.

Hanna and Roosevelt.

The protest which HANNA, of Ohio, made against the endorsement of ROOSE-VELT by the state convention of his party in Ohio this year might have been regarded as the beginning of an opposition which would probably have been successful. It represented those conservative elements in the Republican citizenship of the country which cherish the traditions of the Republic, respect the dignity of the office and stand for stability in government and safety in currency. In other words it was a protest against the clown in a position which ought to be occupied by a statesman and the gypsy in an office which belongs to the highest type of civilization. The protest of Senator HANNA against the endorsement of ROOSEVELT didn't necessarily mean that Mr. HANNA was himself a candidate for the nomination. We are not certain that he would be greatly preferable to ROOSEVELT though the objections to him take on another form. While ROOSEVELT represents the comedy of politics, HANNA stands for the commercialism. In other words there is a grave danger in the installing in the office of President a man who believes in the buying of votes and the prostitution of every principle to the service of loot. But Mr. HANNA'S protest against ROOSEVELT was not necessarily an endorsement of commercialism. It meant simply the restoration of conservatism and reason. At the risk of a greater danger, there-

fore, we approve the attitude of HANNA. The investment of the commercial element with the power of control would be dangerous to be sure, but it is a danger which might easily be controlled. But the permanent settlement of power in the hands of a clown involves dangers which can't be measured. We all know that ROOSEVELT is a man of blood and an advocate of force Such a man invested with vast power may use it as Napoleon did and wreck the country. Therefore the aspirations of HANNA were less dangerous than those of ROOSEVELT.

In the impending conflict HANNA might have triumphed, therefore the wonderment at his change of front just at a time when his opposition to ROOSEVELT had begun to gather strength.

-The head of a Slav family living at Salona went home drunk on Monday evening and when his wife began to give him the linguistic lambastin' he deserved he Our Luxurious Navy.

From the Pittsburg Dispatch

Rear Admiral F. T. Bowles, chief constructor of the navy, has figured that the larger warships carry about three hundred and fifty tons of bath-tubs, radiators, ice machines and other luxuries which have no proper place in a hattleship. He points out that whereas 17 ward-room officers use one bathtub the Admiral has two, one for himself and one for a guest, used about once a year; that is, the one for the guest. The necessity for avoiding the use of wood-work as much as possible has also led to the designing and installation of much special metallic furniture and other fixings tending to beautify the officers' apartments If these luxuries were removed Admiral Bowles believes that the radius of action of every battleship would be increased over 30 per cent by carrying 350 tons instead.

It is something of a shock to find that General you Waldersee's idea of making a comparison with a corner sound.

campaign with a seven-roomed house and a bathtub has permeated the American navy. But now that Admiral Bowles has shown the necessity for reform there can be no doubt that his suggestions will be patriotically accepted and personal comfort sacrificed for steaming capacity. It may even be believed that if the matter is presented in a proper light the 17 ward-room officers will allow the Admiral and his guests to use their bathtub when not en

The Kind of An Open Door Needed From the Lancaster Intelligencer.

Philippine Commissioner Henry C. Ide declines to recede one inch from his matter of fact declaration that the Philippines cannot be successfully governed by the United States unless the Dingley tariff bars against them are taken down and put clear

out of sight. Protective tariff Republican imperialists are invited to put that in their pipes and to smoke it with deliberation. He argues that successful government always depe in some degree upon the prosperity of the people governed, and that in the case of the Philippines we cannot give them prosperity without giving them free trade with us. He does not choose to consider wheth-er they could give themselves prosperity if we allowed them to go it alone, but that is another matter. He lays it down most positively as self-evident and beyond all controversy that the Philippines will never prosper under their American control until have free trade with the United States. In the face of this authoritative and posi-

tive declaration it will be interesting to see the adjustment of parallel planks in the next Republican national platform calling for a tight grip on the islands and no change in the tariff.

In the Grip of the Trust. From the Indianapolis Sentinel.

The latest reported victory of tariff trusts in the Republican party is that Governor Cummins of Iowas has agreed to give up his scheme of tariff revision altogether in consideration for support for the vice presidential nomination, and the "Iowa idea" will be suppressed in the platform of the Republicans of that State. This looks like a good sale. The Iowa influence for tariff reform in the Republican party never amounted to anything, as was demonstrated when the tariff came up in Congress at the last session. The trusts scared President Roosevelt into line at that time and brought the Republicans in Congress up with an unbroken front, notwithstanding the Iowa talk. It is now universally understood by politicians that the protection beneficiaries are in absolute control of the Republican party and that any proposition for "tariff tinkering" is heresy.

Mr. Knox's Great Trouble.

From the Greensburg Argus. Attorney General Knox is in a quan dary. He is like the fellow who was drunk and was hugging a lamp-post. If he let go he would fall, and if he held on he would freeze. Mr. Knox has shown that a successful prosecution of the trusts can be conducted, but he doesn't want to injure them. They are creatures of th Republican party, and the party is their creator. If the party is going to turn against its friends there is going to be trouble. If Mr. Knox does not go on the people will make life a burden for him, and if he does go on the trusts will smash him. And that's what's the matter with

The Difference Between a Judge and Governor.

From the Hollidaysburg Standard.

The Atlanta Constitution tells of a Georgia magistrate who said to the prisoner at the bar: "I can't convict you on the evidence but I'm agoin' to fine you \$10 for con-tempt for lookin' like I couldn't." That s just the advantage a judge has over Governor. He can fine a man whose expression of countenance or unguarded language he does not like for contempt o ourt, but a Governor can't. When a judge gets to be a Governor he does not always realize this difference, and he feels that he ought to have some way of fining men and apers for contempt if they can't help laughing when looking at him.

Where They Make the Mistake.

From the Marshall (Mo.) Citizen. President Roosevelt, General Miles and others unite in saying: "Agriculture is our principal industry." There is a slight mistake in the sentence. As far as the course of this government as now directed is concerned, the sentence should be amended to read, "Robbing agriculture is our principal industry." With high tariff, high transporation rates, and trusts controlling all the farmer has to buy, while he himself has no trust, and no protection in any way to enhance his income, to prattle the praise of agriculture is so ironical that it is getting rusty.

-Subscribe for the WATCHMAN.

Spawls from the Keystone.

-The importance of one vote has been demonstrated in Berwick. At a special election held there a proposed loan of \$60,000 was defeated by a single vote.

-The Western Union Telegraph Co. is trying to arrange with the Huntingdon & Clearfield Telephone Co. for the use of the latter's poles between there and Clearfield.

-The stockholders of the new steel plant at Clearfield propose to increase the capital stock of the company from \$500,000 to \$750,-000 in order to secure a larger working capi-

-General orders have been issued from the headquarters of the National Guard of Pennsylvania announcing that the First Brigade will encamp next July at Perkasie, the Second Brigade at Somerset and the Third Brigade at Mt. Gretna.

-Word has been received that L. R. Gleason, of Canton, Pa., died Sunday evening. Mr. Gleason is the senior member of the tanning firm of L. R. Gleason & Sons, of Gleasonton, and father of I. W. Gleason, who operates the tannery at that place.

-The following postmasters in this section will have their salaries increased after July 1st: Philipsburg, from \$2,200 to \$2,300; Osceolo Mills, from \$1,400 to \$1,500; Patton, from \$1,600 to \$1,700; DuBois, from \$2,500 to \$2,-600; Barnesboro, from \$1,300 to \$1,500 a year.

-The Lock Haven Paper Mills have been awarded a contract for furnishing 1,500,000 pounds of paper to the internal revenue department this year, a contract that these mills have been filling for ten years past. They also furnish the paper for government

-The lady telegraph operators, employed on the middle division of the Pennsylvania railroad, held a meeting at Renovo Sunday evening and effected a permanent organization. There were also representatives present from other divisions of the Pennsylvania

-St. John's Catholic church at Milton was struck by lightning last Friday morning and damaged to the extent of \$1,000. Running from the steeple through the interior of the structure the bolt damaged the organ and choir box, tore out bricks and wrought havoc generally.

-George C. Shaw, of near Oak Grove, has in his possession a remarkable egg which was laid by one of his hens last week. The egg is as large as a goose egg and in it are two complete eggs of regular size with shells complete. Besides these, there are three other eggs without shells.

-"Sullivan" Bressler, of Flemington, the twirler for the Williamsport base ball team, in the game Monday with Reading, struck out eleven batsmen and prevented each man from reaching first base, a feat which it is said has not been accomplished in twenty-five years. Pitcher Bressler is on the straight road for one of the major league teams.

-Two of DuBois' councilmen are charged with having accepted pay for attending special meetings of council relating to railroad franchises. No charge is made of any attempt to influence the vote of either member, but the law expressly forbids councilmen taking pay from anyone for attending a meeting.

-Strange as it may appear, smallpox has been increasing in some sections of Pennsylvania since the warm weather came. This is contrary to theory and experience. Smallpox is supposed to be a cold weather disease, and as a rule disappears as summer approaches. In Philadelphia the number of cases has doubled since the last week in April.

-The Clearfield county authorities Tuesday buried an unknown man who fell from one of John Robinson's cars at Woodland and was so badly injured that he died at the county home on Sunday. He was picked up along the track in an unconscious condition and never rallied. The unknown was but partly clad and the general supposition is that he fell from the train while asleep.

-Dr. P. S. Wycoff, for some time a practitioner at Loganton, is having a distressing experience at Glen Campbell, Indiana county, where he recently located. The doctor, his wife and all his children are down with malignant diphtheria. Monday his eldest daughter, age nine years, died from the disease and was buried that evening. The many friends of the family in the eastern part of this county will regret to hear of their sad plight.

-Some thief or thieves broke into a freight car in the New York Central yards, at New berry Junction the other night, and stole \$50 worth of tobacco. The tobacco, with the exception of two ten pound packages was later found under the coal dump over along the Pennsylvania tracks, where it had evidently been carried and hidden until such time as they could remove it. It is supposed that some tramps who were loafing around the yard committed the theft.

-Andro Ereckson, a Swede employed by the New York Central railroad, had a pick driven clear through his body Friday. He and a companion were using their picks, striking alternately at a tie. In some manner Ereckson's companion struck high and the sharp point of the pick entered his right thigh. The blow was delivered with such force that the instrument went clean through the fleshy part of the thigh and protruded out of his back.

-While gigging along the wing wall of the chute at Williamsport Friday evening Clarence Riley, a boy, drove his harpoon into what he at first believed to be a whale says the Gazette and Bulletin. It proved to be a German carp three feet in length, twentyeight inches in circumference and weighs twenty three pounds. When struck the fish put up a gamey fight, and without assistance young Riley would not have been able to land the monster. It was finally bulled out however, and it attracted much attention as it lay on the river bank.

-Mrs. George Guelich, mother of Charles Guelich, of Philipsburg, whose home was in Lawrence township, about one mile distant from Clearfield, met her death Sunday under very sad circumstances. She and her husband were driving from their home to Clearfield Sunday afternoon, when their horse tance from their home, ran away at a frightful speed, threw them both from the buggy and injured Mrs. Guelich to such an extent that death resulted about four hours after. Mr. Guelich was also badly hurt, but his injuries are not thought to be of a serious character. frightened at an automobile just a short dis-