Aemocratice Hatchman.

BY P. GRAY MEEK.

Ink Slings.

-The best slogan the Democratic party can adopt is: Get the offices!

-Here's success to Chairman HALL's plans to "redeem the counties of the State that are naturally Democratic."

-All a girl needs nowadays is something you can see through and a big pink ribbon on her vest and she is dressed in the height

-The horse race at the park on Wednesday was free, which accounts for so many people thinking they had a good run for their money.

-The Bellefonte barbers baving combined to push up the price of a hair cut it foreign stations participated. The evoluis likely that foot-ball locks will come into tions began on Monday morning when vogue again among the men.

-QUAY having returned from the Maine woods it will be up to a lot of little lieutenants who were doing the bossing in his absence to get back to the pines.

-Prof. LANGLEY says there are some things about his airship that must be kept secret. Of course he didn't say so, but we presume the dive it made into the Potomac was one of them.

-If the shooting that was done at Hecla park on Wednesday was a sample of what those same gentlemen can do in the brush we can't imagine what we have to have laws and wardens to protect the game

-The President addressed a meeting of two thousand men, on Sunday, on the "decency of speech and conduct." It is not to It might be paraphrased in this way: be presumed that he referred to the retirement of Gen. MILES as an illustration of his point.

-WILLIAM JENNINGS BYRAN is not "a dead one" "by any means. He is still the brilliant publicist and statesman, though conditions have made it unwise to associate him with another nomination for the Presidency.

-If assessors were to be more careful in their fixing the valuation of vacant lots they would thereby encourage more building. If the vacant lot bore its just proportion of taxation it would scarcely be a

-The first of the races between the Reliance and Shamrock III, which was started yesterday, was declared off with the Reliance one mile ahead. If our staunch little boot gets a mile ahead of Sir won't she do when a good stiff sailing breeze is on?

-JIM CORBETT lasted only ten rounds against JAMES JEFFRIES, in San Francisco, on Friday night. It is just possible that if the pompadored ex-champion had saved public how he was going to put JEFFRIES out he might have used it to good advantage when the opportunity of doing so

-The fellow who had his head nearly punched off at the business men's picnic was in a bad way for consolation when he deceived himself into thinking that the blood in which he was literally bathed was the rich claret his punches had drawn from the other fighter. As a matter of fact there was a gash behind his ear that looked like the mouth of Penns cave.

-It is to be hoped that the sporting world has seen the last of JIM CORBETT. While it must be acknowledged that Con-BETT is the cleverest boxer who ever entered a ring it has also developed that he has been about the crookedest. His fakes with SHARKEY and McCoy were gross enough to have ruled him off every track in the country had he been a horse.

-Bulgaria's bill against Turkey pointedly emphasizes the terrible atrocities that have been practiced on her people by the Sultan's permission. Hundreds of people killed, towns razed, inoffending citizens tortured with red hot irons, emigration forbidden and compulsory orders to trade with none but Turks are only part of the outrages that Bulgaria appeals to the christian world for relief from. Was Spain treating the Cubans half so cruelly when we interfered in their behalf?

-Because BRYAN has paid twelve hundred dollars for a team of sorrel horses the Republican press has broken out afresh. Their long harangues on BRYAN's desertion of the poor man because he has a twelve hundred dollar team proves only one thing and that is that he might have gotten a team of asses far cheaper out of the editorial rooms of most any Republican paper in the country. Looked at in this light perhaps the Nebraska statesman has been a little extravagant.

-Senator DAVID B. HILL's declaration that the present so-called prosperity "is fictitious" and that "you must pay as you go" comes nearer the truth in sizing up present economic conditions than any public utterance that has been made on the subject. Values have been kited ever since the Spanish-American war necessities stimulated our industries into abnormal activity and now that business is gradually settling back to its natural condition the enterprise that was too heavily inflated must fall. There is a time-a speculative time-occasionally, when two and two make five, but some one has to pay the odd one somewhere and at some time and when he begins to discover that he has gotten no return for it he doesn't go into the next scheme so readily.



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An Expensive Spectacle.

Our imperial President has been treating the country to an interesting spectacle what is known as a naval parade in which all the war ships except those serving at twenty-one war ships "spread out before President ROOSEVELT when he stepped out upon the veranda of his home at Sagamore Hill." As the correspondent of the Associated Press stated it, "their brass work shining under the slanting rays of the morning sun gave evidence that every ship was spick and span for this the first naval review at the nation's summer capital and probably the first ever held for the exclusive purpose of presidential honors.

The spectacle is rather expensive but that is unimportant. It probably costs a thousand dollars a day for each vessel engaged in the evolutions and there are twenty-one of them, but the people pay the charges so that it doesn't matter. There is an old adage which reads: "Put a beggar on horseback and he will ride to the devil." "Put a clown in the presidential office and he will make a fool of the people." Here we have the President ordering a squadron of naval vessels at an expense of not less than \$20,000 a day for no other purpose than to divert him for a few days. It vember. would be hard to conceive of a more certain way of making fools of the people who pay the expenses of such an entertainment.

But this like other things which manifest the policy of the Republican party of it is practically impossible to keep the run late years is for the purpose of keeping the of them. Little more than ten days ago it expenses of the government up to the highest measure of profligacy. There are two ends subserved by this policy. In the first ing Mr. BISPHAM, a distinguished Repubplace it justifies excessive taxes and the maintenance of exorbitant tariff leschedules which affords a chance to "fry the fat" out of the protected tariff pensioners for the use of the campaign committee as a corruption fund. Secondly it keeps the peo-T HOMAS' craft without any wind what ple so poor as to make them powerless to resist the oppressions put upon them and thus the control of that party is perpetuated because there is not energy enough left to overthrow it.

Roosevelt's Infirm Vertebra

The infirmity of President ROOSEVELT'S way within the past few days. That is to say some ten days ago the Republican members of the Senate Finance committee who are said to have been engaged for some months in the work of preparing currency legislation visited Sagamore Hill and after exhibiting their plans secured a promise that the extra session of Congress to consider that measure and the Cuban treaty would be called early in October instead of late in November. Then the politicians got after him and now he has practically agreed to carry out the original plan of calling the session after the election.

The reasons which are given for the postponement are that the Senators and Representatives in Congress will be absorbed in their political duties in October and distracting them from it would be prejudicial to the interests of the party. That that is a subterfuge can be seen by simply taking an observation of the political situation throughout the country. There is no important election in any State in the Union this year, no Legislatures to elect which will elect Senators and no election of Representatives in Congress. That a session in October might damage party prospeots is true but not in the way indicated in that shamefully lame excuse.

The danger to the party lies not in the fact that Senators and Representatives in Congress would be taken from the political campaign this fall. It is in the fact that the wrangling over the currency question within the shadow of election day would so disgust thinking men of the party that they would be inclined either to remain away from the polls or, having gone there, to vote the Democratic ticket. There can be no valuable currency legislation enacted by the present Congress and an attempt at such legislation would simply reveal the vast differences within the party on that subject and expose the falsity of the claim that the Republican party is united on the currency question.

The Hopeful Ontlook.

There never was a time in the history of Pennsylvania politics when the outlook for the Democracy was as bright at the opening of a campaign as at present. The Republican party in Philadelphia is in a state of the utmost confusion. The Republican party in Pittsburg is utterly and irretrievably demoralized. The Republican party in Harrisburg is literally reut in twain and from every other city of considerable size the same report comes of the absolute disorganization of the Republicans. The fissure which was created when QUAY turned ELKIN down last year has been increasing ever since and there is no possible chance of closing it up before the next presidential election.

The Republican party has been held together during the last dozen years "by the cohesive force of public plunder," and the at the "Summer Capital" this week. It is distribution of the rewards have neither been equal nor satisfactory. That is the cause of the demoralization everywhere. In Philadelphia, for example, PENROSE and DURHAM have been endeavoring to escape from the mastery of QUAY and the appointment of Mr. BISPHAM to the vacancy on the bench was for the purpose of checkmating them. In Pittsburg the BIGELOWS and FLINN have been caught cheating in the distribution of the spoils and an irrepressible conflict is the result. In Harrisburg the cause of quarrel is the same and QUAY'S friends are running PENNYPACK-ER's appointee as an independent candidate for Judge against a man who sat in the

convention last year and voted for ELKIN. The Democrats on the other hand are practically free from factional differences. There is no longer any division among them on currency or any other question and they are both compact and energetic in resistance to the spoliation which has looted the State as no commonwealth has ever been looted during the past half dozen years. The obvious necessity for a common defense against the corruptionists has obliterated every symptom of factionalism and the army of Democrats is moving forward to what appears like certain victory in No-

Politics in Philadelphia.

Political conditions have been changing so rapidly in Philadelphia, recently, that was generally believed that the Governor had solved the judicial problem by appointlican lawyer, to succeed the late Judge Mc-CARTHY on the common pleas bench. That incident spread consternation among the Republican managers and the bogus nomination which they had previously bestowed on a young fellow named Von Mos-CHZISKER was revoked and a convention called to give his nomination the stamp o regularity. Subsequently the friends of the Governor were frightened out of their wits by the declination of his appointee.

Meantime the Governor was quietly pursuing the even tenor of his way collecting backbone has been revealed in a striking To newspaper correspondents who were sent to "pump him" he was as silent as a sphynx and the suspicion got out that he 'had something up his sleeve." which multiplied the troubles of the machine. On Monday last the something referred to was disclosed. It was the fact that immediately on appointment His Excellency had the commission of Mr. BISPHAM issued and a record of the operation filed in the proper department. Under the circumstances a declination won't do. He must resign formally and it is believed that when he learns the true state of affairs he will decline to do that.

The machine will nominate Von Mosch ZISKER, of course, and his name will be put on the regular ticket but not in a quiet way in which it was intended that should be done. People will wonder why the plans of the machine were altered so suddenly and they will talk about the affair until it is thoroughly and generally known and after that there is no telling how they will vote. It is an anomalous position into which the managers have gotten themselves and what the result will be can only be conjectured. It is certain that in any other community than Philadelphia the candidate thus surreptitiously put in nomination would be defeated and it is reasonable to believe that such will be the result even there.

A Fish Hatchery Canard.

During the fore part of the week some alarmists in town started the story that the fish hatchery at Pleasaut Gap would have to be abaudoned because water enough could not be secured to supply it.

While the story was a fabrication on its face it was noised about until some of our people who had worked so hard to secure the hatchery were considerably worried over it. A moment's thoughtful reflection should have reassured them, for it could scarcely be possible that Fish Commissioner Meehan and the members of the state commission would come here and encourage our people in making the outlay they did without first having satisfied themselves that it was what they wanted. The Fish Commissioner would scarcely have made such a blunder as to say there was plenty of water without knowing whereof he spoke and the WATCHMAN is certainly not ready to credit a story that would thus accuse him of playing a haphazard game

with an entire community. Supt. John P. Creveling, who is in charge of the work of construction, did actually find some difficulty in the elevation of the springs that are to supply the hatchery. That is, it was feared that they were not high enough to give the proper flow of fresh water into the hatching beds, but that obstacle was soon overcome and the work is going on as nicely as it can.

Not a Good Proposition.

We cannot agree with Justice BREWER, of the United States Supreme court, that the right of appeal against verdicts of guilty in criminal cases ought to be abolished. The learned and able jurist advanced that idea the other day in discussing methods for minimizing if not completely stopping lynchings which are growing so disagreeably and dangerously frequent of late. The tardiness of judicial processes, he suggested, is one of the causes for men inflamed with passion taking the law into their own hands, and that cause of complaint could be greatly diminished by the abolishment of appeals in criminal cases.

Probably that is true for it is certain that cutting off a man's leg will cure a corn on the foot which has been severed from the body. But the remedy is altogether too drastic. It is better to suffer with the corn than lose the foot and in about the same ratio it is preferable to have the lynchings continued than to have the tide of civilization turned backward by the means which Justice BREWER suggests. The appeal in oriminal cases is one of the signs of progressive civilization. It is a liberalization of the judicial system and an amplification in practical form of the time honored principle. of law which gives the accused the benefit of every doubt.

We believe that in most cases convic tions in criminal cases reflect the just estimate of the facts and evidence. But even at that the accused is entitled to every opportunity to prove his innocence and the adoption of the rule which the learned victed. Is it right that he should stay convicted even though he was able to prove his innocence in a second trial? Most assuredly not and so far as we are concerned we say bad as lynchings are they are preferable to such judicial assassination.

-Remember that the last day on which you can register will be Friday, September 4th.

A Too Solicitous Organ.

The Philadelphia "Press" is altogether to day go by in which it fails to raise its crats have nothing to contend for in futute political contests. But its deep concern is energy as well as sympathy wasted. The late years and never approached a presidential battle with greater reason for confidence than that which is almost in view.

To compose the perturbed spirits of our esteemed Philadelphia contemporary, however, we beg to assure the "Press" that the Democratic party has issues in plenty and of the very hottest variety. For example, in the pending contest the Press' own estimate of Senator WILLIAM P. SNYDER, Republican scandidate for State Treasurer, before he was nominated will make all the issues that are needed. It then said that no self-respecting newspaper could support him and indicated pretty plainly that no man who believes in civil and religious liberty and a free and untrammeled press could vote for him. What better arguments could you want. That covers about everything and though the "Press" has since stultified itself the record is still there.

There is another fountain of issues to which we would call the attention of the esteemed "Press." While the able editor of that paper was the official head of the Postoffice Department a lot of scandals developed which will make issues in abundance. He was the head of that group to which PERRY HEATH, secretary of the Republican National committee referred to when he said, "this is a new administration and a new crowd and we will make our own precedents. in reply to a refusal of the cashier of the Washington postoffice to cash a bogus warrant for him. The warrant was cashed and the cashier discharged and such things make the best kind of

-The Milesburg band very graciously gave the WATCHMAN office a serenade early Wednesday morning and while the musical editor was not in to enjoy it the devil said it was all right. For once we feel like standing for the devil's opinion because he certainly made no mistake when he said "the Milesburg band is a good one."

-The business men have had their fling. Now for the Odd Fellows, the Golden Eagles, the circus, the Grangers pionic and then-then-then the great Centre county fair.

-The "Iowa Idea" has suddenly come to the conclusion that it would be a good thing to "stand pat."

-Friday, September 4th, is the last day for registering voters. Remember this. Gorman's Position on the Currency Democratic Leader Disposed to Call a Halt Upon Ob-

WASHINGTON, Aug. 16. - When the United States Senate again plunges into the discussion of financial questions, Senator Arthur P. Gorman, leader of the Democracy in Congress, will not be found among those members of the minority making factions opposition to remedial legislation.

Indeed, it is altogether probable that be-

structionists Campaign of Last Year.

fore the extra session convenes Senator Gorman will call a conference of miniority leaders and urge them to abandon the atti

teaders and urge them to abandon the attitude of opposing anything and everything in the way of financial measures proposed by the majority party.

The Senator was not altogether in sympathy with the members of his party who talked to death the Aldrich bill last March. Neither is he in sympathy with what appears to be the attitude of Senators Daniel, Teller and Money in the present agitation.

Any aggressive action on the part of the Democrats to oppose legislation in embryo or to adopt obstructive tactics, as was done last winter, the Senator does not consider either statesmanship or politics, according to the statement of his friends.

So far as he has been informed, the subcommittee considering the question has made no progress. On this account he thinks it unwise, especially for minority members of the Finance Committee, to begin or rather to renew obstructive tactics so

early.

The coterie of Democratic Senators who last winter killed the Aldrich bill will be urged by Senator Gorman himself to assume a different attitude at the coming session if anything in the line of reason is offered by Senator Aldrich. They will be told plain-ly that they must not be put in the light of being obstructionists merely, unless they have something better to propose. Coming more to detail, Senator Gorman's

jurist suggests would exclude him from that rational right. Occasionally, even though the court is absolutely just and the trial has been conducted with the greatest regard to propriety, an innocent man is convicted. Is it right that he should stay onlation, Senator Gorman's friends say they feel convinced that he would not agree to such an expedient.

Hall's Campaign Plans.

Didn't Ask Chauncey F. Black to Preside as

"It is absurd," said Democratic State Chairman Hall, Monday at Harrisburg, when asked if he had called on Chauncey F. Black, at York, to ask him to serve a chairman at the coming state convention.

Continuing, Mr. Hall said:

"I have been east and will remain here a

few days and then go home. I have not locomotive finally pulled the blazing train een to see Mr. Black, nor do I intend to party. That recent convert to QUAYISM It would be presumptuous on anybody's which, like all renegades, is over zealous in part to offer to any one the chairmanship the service of the machine scarcely lets a of the convention. Mr. Black is a regular ly elected delegate, and doubtless would make a good chairman, but there will be voice in lamentation because the Demo- no trouble about the election of a chairman.
"The campaign this year will be as vig-

orous as we can make it. We will endeavor to strengthen the organization, Democratic party is doing splendidly of make the majority in Democratic counties large and try to win back counties that are naturally Democratic, but which have been lost in late years by small majorities The state committee has paid all of its bills, does not owe a cent and is in good shape. I expect a fair-sized convention for an off year, but I haven't the least idea who will be placed on the ticket.

> Bertillon Record to Mark Chinese. Coolies to Be Identified at Port of Entry and

> WASHINGTON, Aug. 16 .- A new set of Chinese regulations, prepared by Commissioner General of Immigration Sargent and approved by Secretary Cortelyou, of the Department of Commerce and Labor, which now has charge of the exclusion of Chinese, were made public to-day and are now ready for distribution. These rules designate what Chinese per-

> sons are permitted to land at ports of the United States, together with the parts at which Chinese other than Chinese diplomatic and Consulor officers may land. Conditions are named to which every Chinese person seeking admission into the United States for the taking part in any

> fair or exhibition shall conform. Regulations governing the arrest and de portation of Chinese unlawfully within the United States are included. Accompany-

> relating to the exclusion of Chinese.
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> Provision is made for a Bertillon record of all Chinese laborers arriving and departing at ports of entry. Conditions are pre scribed to which every Chinese person claiming the right of transit through the United States to foreign territory must conform as a condition precedent to allowed such privilege.

Miles, Root and Roosevelt. From the New York World.

Elihu Root graduated from college in 1864, when Nelson A. Miles was leading his brigade in the desperate battles of the Wilderness. He was not attracted by a military career, preferring to teach school went into law. Theodore Roosevelt at that time was in the nursery. In a conference which Mr. Root, school teacher and lawyer, held with Mr. Roose velt, amateur soldier and President, at Oyster Bay the other day, it was de-cided that in view of the fact that the relations of General Miles with these great men had been "strained" since their recent debut in the military arena it would not be proper to mark his retirement by any recognition of the splendid services he had recognition of the splendid services he had rendered to his country during the forty-two years of his soldier's career, in which d won honor in all the grades of the American army, from second lieutenant to Lieutenant General commanding. President Roosevelt could smash the

proprieties and the morals of the army by jumping his personal friend, Dr. Wood.

Spawls from the Keystone

Slate operators want their men to accept monthly instead of semi-monthly pay days. -Mrs. James Pursell, of near Grovania, county, committed suicide by AN AMARING STORY.

-The Forestry Commission will place a stone tablet at Graffensburg in honor of

-New York capitalists have purchased the Dunkelberger coal tracts near Treverton, and will put 500 men and boys at work there. -Because Miss Annie P. Kudel was struck over the eye by a stone thrown by 5-year-old

-John Roskosh was killed and three men were badly injured Saturday by the exploding of a steam main at the Edgar Thompson works at Connellsville.

Anthony Hany, at Pottsville, arbitrators

-The work of constructing the large Sweet Steel plant at Williamsport will be commenced within the next few weeks. The six buildings composing the plant will cover a total area of 100,000 square feet.

-David Stuempfle, the largest contractor and one of the best known residents of Williamsport, and who had charge of the mason work in building the P. and E. railroad from Sunbury to Emporium, died Sunday evening after a year's illness. -John Wood, a Bedford county man, has

been arrested for perjury and gave \$500 bail for a court trial. Wood recently secured a license to marry a girl and two days later took out a license to marry still another. The first victim had him arrested for swearing that she is 18 years old, knowing that she is only 14.

-The National Guard of Pennsylvania Saturday became subject to the call of the President of the United States, commander in chief of the army. The militia bill, passed by Congress last January, becomes operative on August 15th, although its provisions are already in force in this State under general orders issued nearly five months ago by Governor Pennypacker.

-In the vicinity of Mackeyville during the past week eight sheep belonging to Alf Brown and Clarence Long have been killed by dogs. The township auditors have appraised the loss which will be over \$40 and the county commissioners will be called on to reimburse the owners. One of the dogs was killed, but two more, a brown one and a spotted one, are still at large, although a close watch is being kept for them.

-A ugly rattler made its appearance at the barn of H. D. Rossman, of near Farmers Mills, Tuesday of last week. As his 13 year old son was leading a horse out of the stall to water he heard a rattle and discovered a rattlesnake in the act of crawling from under the sill of the stable door. The boy called his father, who hastened to the spot, and dispatched the snake. It was about five feet in length and had 8 rattles, and was thick as his father's wrist.

-Fire of an unknown origin Sunday night totally destroyed the big building in which is ground the clay at the new Harbison-Walker plant, at Clearfield, and the loss will undoubtedly run up into the thousands. During the fire a train inside the stockade ignited, and before an engine could be sent in a number of cars had been burned. A outside to safety, and a number of cars were saved from destruction.

-Major William B. Brown, Secretary of the State Medical Council, at Harrisburg Thursday gave out the results of the recent examinations of applicants for licenses to practice medicine in Pennsylvania. Out of a class of 389 "regular." or "old school." applicants, 335 were passed, 51 failed to pass the examinations, 2 withdrew, and one was expelled for cheating. Of the sixty Homeopathic students, only two failed to pass, while each of the twelve Eclectic applicants

-A swindler, whose picture adorns the rogues' galleries throughout the country, has been busy in some of our neighboring boroughs. Having obtained the subscription list of a high class art journal, he goes to a subscriber and gets a reference to a friend who is not a subscriber and in that way often obtains a subscription. He stays but a day or two in one place and may be identified by his having several fingers off of one hand. He has served a term in the penitentiary for a like offense.

-Mertie Rayhorn was taken to the hospital Friday night to receive treatment for a pullet wound in her leg, which was received accidentally and in a singular manner says the Lock Haven Express. Her husband Clarence Rayhorn had purchased a revolver Friday and in the evening about 8 o'clock was showing his wife how to use the weapon. Mr. Rayhorn fired a shot into the ground and the bullet, striking a stone or some other hard substance, glanced and struck his wife on the leg below the knee. The bullet struck the leg with such force that both bones were

-Orville Moore, of Bloomsburg, is the victim of an unusual misfortune. Several days ago he became afflicted with catarrh in the head and in the course of time the affliction grew into a very sore gathering in his head near one of his ears. While in this condition the ear became the depository for the eggs of a fly. These hatched out and the larvae penetrated to the diseased part, causing intense suffering. An operation was accordingly performed and the vermin removed, but Mr. Moore is still in a very critical condition, so much so that fears for his life

-A mile below Huntingdon, two negroes approached track inspector Elwood Murphy Friday night and struck him over the head three times with a bludgeon. Murphy is a one-arm man. The blows felled him to the ground, but with rare presence of mind he reached for his revolver as he fell, and the negroes decamped. Murphy fired a couple shots after them, but without effect. The man is in a critical condition at his home in Huntingdon. Saturday evening two negroes approached Lawrence Livingston, another watchman, at nearly the same place, and asked him for the time. As he was about to answer the question one of the negroes shot Livingston in the arm. Quickly drawing his own revolver Livingston opened fire, but without effect. The ball passed through without effect. The ball passed through Livingston's arm; he is now at his home at Ardenheim.