Aemocratice Hatchman

BY P. GRAY MEEK.

Ink Slings.

-The two minute trotter has come at last. Everything is getting faster except

-About the only way Sir THOMAS can ever win is to have a Shamrock IV built in this country.

-Remember that September 2nd will be the last day for registering voters and not September 4th.

-Poor little Hiawattia! She promises to become as much of a nuisance as that

Georgia Camp Meeting once was. -The average walking delegate seems to be about as crooked as some of the em-

ployees of the Post-office Department. -The trouble with Mr. ZIMMERMAN, of Ohio, is that there was too much JOHN-

son for him at Columbus on Wednesday. -The "special session of Congress that was to have been called has evidently gone to hunt that post-office investigation that was promised.

night to discover it was too late, and straightway turned off the heat.

-Since QUAY has said Pennsylvania will be for ROOSEVELT that little matter is settled without much worriment to the subservient Republicans of the State.

-The question now arises. Will PULIT-ZER's two million dollar school of journalism propound the World style of journalism or aim at something higher?

_Down in Arkansas one candidate for Governor knocked the other off a four foot stand on which they were jointly speaking up to the time when actions spoke louder than words.

-Now is the time to get everything in shape for next year. Make the organization as complete and efficient as possible, for there is work to be done, work that everyone should be interested in.

-Senator QUAY's announcement that he will not be a candidate for re-election to the Senate would be much more satisfactory if he would only say how much his an ordinary citizen would be followed by and endorsed by the election of State Senasuccessor will be expected to pay for his an application in court for a commission to

-With the Turks killing scores of christians all though Macedonia and the Turkish cigarettes killing scores who ought to be christians right here in our own country, isn't it about time the Turks be put out of the killing business.

-Mrs. MARY HENDERSON, who died at Franklin on Monday, was ninety-one years old and had smoked all her life. Here is another stumbling block for the anti-tobaceo league and another proof that hitting

-Socialism as a dream of a government that supplies every need of its subjects is as harmless as a sunbeam, but socialism as a cloak for anarchy to hide its destructive principles under is entirely too dangerous

to be given even a moment's consideration. -The mimic war that is being carried on off the coast of Maine would be far m ore like the real thing if the Secretary of the Navy would jump in and pay a fabulous price for all the old unseaworthy tubs he can find tied up in the various Atlantic

-Col. EDWARD PRUNER is pushing his candidacy for Senator from the Blair district right along. At a pienic on Saturday he made a speech that is reported as a"ronser."but whether it will rouse enough votes to secure the nomination for the Colonel remains to be seen.

-- President ROOSEVELT has given union la bor its bumps through the stand he has taken in the government printing office. It is said that Wall street advised him to do it on the ground that they won't furnish any campaign funds for him unless he takes a stand against union labor.

-The Sultan has made some more promises of reform in Macedonia. The appearance of some Russian boats in Turkish waters started the Prince of Promisers to telling what he would do, if they would only give him one more chance, and now he will start right out to do the same old thing again.

-Few bridegrooms have the spectacular receptions that was accorded R. A. BECK and his wife last night. With a band and two fire companies to escort them to their home mid the glare of red lights even the eyes of that notoriety loving chap at Oyster Bay might have turned a shade of green had he been standing on Bellefonte streets to witness it.

-The Johnstown Tribune, in discussing the boodle features of politics, remarks "For, if there's nothing in it, what's the use of being a Democrat?" Are we to infer from this daring declaration that the Iribune is Republican for what is in it? It is hard to arrive at any other conclusion and harder to believe that any legitimate newspaper would have temerity to make such a confession.

-To set at ease the mind of some æsthetic person who craves a more refined past-time than foot ball, base ball, tennis, eroquet, polo or golf the Harrisburg Patriot suggests archery. The suggestion is all right, but it can hardly be regarded as being needed since archery has been a decidedly important feature in all of the sports mentioned, ever since they have been sports. In fact were it not for the opportunities given for romance by little Dan very few past-times of any sort to enjoy. and see that you are registered.



STATE RIGHTS AND FEDERAL UNION.

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Spectacularism in Public Life. Ex-Senator HILL, of New York, has greatly incensed the ROOSEVELT maniacs muzzler from the pending political of the country. In a speech before the contest is a movement in the interpioneers of Western New York the Sena- est of the QUAY machine. The most untor referred to what he appropriately des- popular piece of legislation enacted in reignated as the "spectacularism" of the cent years is that iniquity. The reason of present public life of the country. He its unpopularity is that it is subversive of didn't mention ROOSEVELT'S name. He every principle of personal liberty and indidn't allude to the President of the dividual right. The freedom of the press United States. He simply said that it has is the corner stone of political indepenbecome the fashion of high officials to ex- dence. With a muzzled press there is no ploit themselves in spectacular ways and possible means of enforcing integrity in through the medium of press agents to tell public life. Venal public officials can -Summer arrived on Sunday, but the the public what they do morning, noon and laugh at the complaints of individuals if weather man wakened up Wednesday night, and on every possible occasion to do the press is restrained in its right to critisuch absurd things as to compel people to oise. There can be no redress of wrongs if the press is compelled to remain silent. comment on them.

As we have said, no mention was made of ROOSEVELT and there was no direct allusion to the President. But every reasoning man and woman in the broad land knew to whom allusion was made. Certain wilds came instantly to the minds of everybody who reads and thinks and the ROOSE-VELT-maniacs at once declared that the ex-Senator of the Empire State had committed lese Majestie for which he ought to be punished. Maybe he ought but who will bunal will the cause be tried? An interested public is anxiously awaiting the answer to these questions.

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The facts are that what Senator HILL has said is scrupulously true. Since the accidental elevation of that clown to the Presidency the country has been scandalized by a series of performances which in ed. That such a thing has not happened ity. No man unafflicted in that way would think of doing the things which he has done and however patient the public is a change in the manner of the man.

Keeping the People Poor. The war game is still going on along the our War Lord on Sagamore hill. That is side. to say twenty or thirty of our war ships are pretending to make an attack on the land defences of the coast at some point and the amusement is costing the people something like twenty or thirty thousand dollars a day. But what's the odds as long as there is plenty of money in the treasury. Such expenditures keep the people poor and everybody knows that as long as they are or resist oppressions. Tyranny desires no surer ally in a fight against liberty than

the poverty of the oppressed. As long as the people are paying a hundred millions or so more in revenues than are required for the maintenance of the government, and a billion or so extra every year in exorbitant prices for necessaries of life through the operations of the tariff taxes, the people of the country will be too poor to resist any outrage. When one of the Kings of France was admonished against the danger of oppressing the people he replied that there was nothing to fear for the reason that the people were too poor to resist. Hungry men have no courage and those who are naked will not fight. he answered in substance. But the people saved out of their poverty and the guillotine was his ultimate answer.

The policy of the present administration in Washington is precisely that of the French King who paid the penalty of his folly with his head. In other words the plan of the President is to so impoverish the people as to make them docile for want of strength to be otherwise. With that purpose in view all manner of profligacies are being practiced in order that an excuse may be found for continuing needless taxes and excessive exactions. But the people may take the notion to save out of their poverty, as the French did, and smite their oppressors. There is no excuse for the waste of treasure in the play at war on the New England coast. It comes to no good and is vastly expensive.

A Correction.

Last week the WATCHMAN stated that September 4th would be the last day on which voters can be registered. The statement was based on the old interpretation that made the registering of voters possible up to within sixty days of the election, but according to a different ruling of the courts September 2nd will be the last day. On the 3rd the assessors must make their return to the county commissioners.

Remember this day and don't put the matter off. You must be registered if you want to vote and while it is presumed that the assessor has you on his list it is better Cupid and his how gun there would be for you to look after the matter personally

The Real Issue of the Campaign.

Any attempt to eliminate the press

Those who would ignore the press muzzler as an issue in the contest in which a Senator who voted for the measure is a candidate for the chief office, say that the measure is a dead letter and in fact disthe clownish operations in the Yellowstone is not for the reason that its authors have changed their opinions or altered their purposes. It is because the measure so outraged public sentiment and so revolted popular conscience that its authors have been afraid to put it to the test. Unconstitutional, infamous, unjust and iniquitous frame the indictment and before what tri- its friends wouldn't trust it to a judicial examination though it expressed their views, their expectations and their hopes on the subject to which it referred.

As it is the press muzzler represents nothing but the malice of a condemned political machine. But it represents that in every line and to the full measure. If it is condoned by silence in the campaign tor WM. P. SNYDER it will no longer be a inquire into the sanity of the man concern- dead letter. Then it will be enforced and every criticism of official venality will be is a matter for popular congratulation. But punished by the application of the prothere can be no doubt of a mental infirm- visions of that law. For that reason it ought to be made not only an issue but THE issue in the campaign and the only man on the ticket of either party who voted for it the investigation will be forced unless there in the Legislature condemned to popular execration by an overwhelming defeat.

> -Let others dispute about the date that registration should legally close as much as they please. Go and get register-

> > Root and Miles.

In accepting the resignation of Secretary of War Root, the President shows a different temper than that which influenced him in retiring General MILES from command of the army. Root had served ROOSEVELT with the zeal and fidelity with which Cardinal WOOLSELY had served his an ability and energy which has rarely ber 2nd. been revealed in the public life of any country. MILES was dismissed with a sneer and without a word of commendation. His forty years of faithful and hazardous service were over-looked and disregarded. But he had served the coun-

personal interest. In dismissing Root it was different. "It is hard, indeed, for me to accept your resignation," he wrote with a sob in each sentence. "I do it," he added, "not only with keen personal regret, but with a lively understanding of the gap which your withdrawal will create in public life. My sense of personal loss is very great; and yet my sense of loss to the Nation as a whole is even greater." What loss has the Nation sustained by the resignation of Root? What has he done for the good of his country? He has Europeanized the army and the constitution and insulted every tradition of the fathers of the Republic. But Either the postmaster Montgomery is suhe has flattered the vanity of the clown in

the White House. The people of this country have just reason to be grateful because ELIHU ROOT is cial" and we fancy that even the News bour. leaving the public service. Every day that might have found its magnificent command he sat in the office of Secretary of War he of English taxed just a trifle to have more stood a menace to the liberties of the people. He created discontent and built up a personal machine to take the place of the army. He advanced favorites for no other reason than that they were subservient to his whims and those of the President and veterans because they failed to show obedience not to the constitution and the laws but to Root and his clownish master. He has resigned and in his resignation the country has escaped a great danger.

-Young men who voted on age last year must be registered if they want to vote next fall. Wednesday, September 2nd, is the last day on which you can register.

-Lahor day means that you are to take a day off and come in to town to se the Eagles flying round.

-Don't forget that next Wednesday will be the last day on which you can be

Senator Depew's Idea.

Senator CHAUNCY M. DEPEW, of New York, returned from Europe on Monday and as usual began talking politics the moment he landed. Every newspaper in the city had been notified of his coming and of old form. In the first place it is smaller course each one had a reporter at the pier to meet him and he chattered to them with characteristic energy and enthusiasm. "How about politics?" ventured one of them cautiously. "I am of the same opinion as when I went away," he replied. "It will be ROOSEVELT in 1904 by acclamation." "You said then," continued the reporter, "that President ROOSEVELT'S election depended somewhat on the way he handled the postal scandal," and the Senator promptly answered, "yes, I did, and I

am glad to say he is handling it well." Let us review the record of the handling of the postal scandal by President Roose-VELT. On his return from the West he found the Department in confusion and gypsy antics in the southern swamps and appointed its authors. That is true but it demoralization. The wife of the solicitor general for the Department had invaded the office from which her husband had been suspended and abstracted from the same every scrap of evidence of his complicity in the looting operations. It had been shown that PERRY S. HEATH, secretary of the Republican National Committee and formerly first assistant Postmaster General had practically organized the frauds and that venality was rampant in every division. A couple of unimportant subordinates had been suspended and indicted when the President returned from the Yellowstone, and he dramatically declared that he wouldn't leave Washington until a thorough examination had been made and every rascal

punished. How did he keep that promise. Immediately afterward he ordered that investigations be made in secret and for a couple of weeks there was a great pretense of energy in the search for frauds. But at the expiration of that time he left Washington for Oyster Bay without bringing a single rascal to justice. Then he gave his attention to other things and the time limit for prosecutions was allowed to pass without even an attempt being made to indict PERBY HEATH. Subsequently BEAVERS, one of the indicted conspirators, was allowed to escape and not a single oriminal has Senator DEPEW calls handling the postal scandals well. It is certainly handling it well for the criminals, for it guarantees immunity from punishment for every one of

-The young Democrat who voted on age last fall should bear in mind that he cannot vote at all, at the coming election, unless he is registered. This must be done poor they will be unable to resent wrongs King. MILES had served his country with before 9 o'clock on the evening of Septem-

Supersensitive,

In a recent issue of the WATCHMAN the following paragraph appeared:

Since the post office system has been reorganized it would be very convenient if postmaster Montgomery would correct the collection cards on the mail boxes. try and not the individual. He was guided by conscience and patriotism and not by

The next day the Daily News published what we presume to be an answer to it as follows:

rostmaster Montgomery wishes us to state that the time mentioned on the collection cards on the mail boxes is correct. There was one exception, that of the box in front of the Warchman office. Where it says 1:40 p. m. for the after dinner collection it should read 1:30 This is due to the fact that the time of leaving for the Lewisburg passenger train has been changed from 2:15 to 2:00 p. m. A small piece of paper with 1:30 written on it has been pasted over the 1:40 thus making the correction. The Warchman was a little hasty in criticising postmaster Montgomery in this matter in this weeks issue. There is no more painstaking official in the government employ than Mr. Montgomery who does everything in his power for the improvement of the service.

After reading the four line paragraph Imperialized the country. He has flouted and then the silly reply the sensible reader can come to only one of two conclusions: persensitive or the News is a fool.

The WATCHMAN had no intention whatever of "slurring" the "painstaking offipolitely called the attention of the post master to a matter that needed it.

Since the post-office was moved up town there has been an evening collection of mail made from the boxes in the business district down-town, just as was the up humiliated faithful soldiers and grizzled town collection when the office was in the old quarters. This collection is made at 7 o'clock p. m. and as the last hour of collection stated on the card on the box was utes, the record for the course, three hours 4 o'clock it will be readily seen that there was considerable confusion as to when a letter could really be dropped in order to catch the evening mails, out-going.

If calling the attention of such a dis crepancy, in the politest language possible, can be construed into a slur by the postmaster all we can say is that he is supersensitive and we have no apologies to offer.

If the News flew to his defense without inspiration, which we would prefer to have been the case, the incident may be regarded as closed, as it is only the News.

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The Ballot We Vote This Fall.

From the Lancaster Intelligencer. The samples of the new ballot which goes into use for the first time at the coming election show it to be still far from perfection, yet a vast improvement over the and, therefore, more convenient than the large sheet formerly used, while we get a step nearer to the real Australian ballot

and substituting therefor the names of candidates in groups under the title of the offices for which they have nominated. No candidate's name is printed more than once no matter by how many parties he may be nominated.

by the abandonment of the party columns

Under the old form a single name could appear in any number of columns, and politicians took advantage of this provis-ion to confuse and mislead enwary voters, by a multiplication of the columns. This will no longer be possible, but there is still likely to be some confusion by having two ways to mark the ballot.

The ballot reformers desired one system of marking, justly contending that where there was but one way the chance of blundering would be reduced to a minimum; but the Legislature refused to carry the reform to that extent, and yielded to the demand of those who insisted that there should be provisions by which a straight ticket of any party could be voted by a single mark. In the old ballot this was done by making a cross in the circle at the top of the party column; in the new ballot it is provided for in the column of party names down the left side of the sheet.

The ballot in its new shape may not altogether realize the hopes of the most pronounced reformers, but it certainly is an advance in the right direction. Now let some method of ensuring an honest count be found, and the ballot may at last be-come expressive of the real voice of the

And This from a Republican Paper.

From the Altoona Tribune. The national encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic pays a just if generous tribute to Lieut. General Miles in the resolution concerning his brilliant and long continued services in the army of his country. The Tribune concedes that General Miles made some mistakes, but all the mistakes of his official life put together would be far from equaling the great blunder of President Roosevelt in permit-ting the vengeful temper of his Secretary of War to lead to the ourt retirement of Miles, without a word in acknowledgment of his splendid services. It did not hurt Miles, but it did hurt the President and it demonstrated that the Secretary of War, in spite of his very considerable merits, is not

Reliance Wins the First and Second Races.

NEW YORK, Aug. 23 .- In absolutely Saturday beat Shamrock III by seven minutes and three seconds, corrected time, over a thirty mile course, fifteen miles to The American windward and return. yacht gained three minutes and twenty seconds on the Briton on the beat to the turning mark, and then, in one of the pret-tiest runs home before the wind ever witnessed, gained an additional five minutes and thirty-nine seconds. In actual sailing, boat for boat, Reliance beat Shamrock nine minutes in the thirty miles, and demonstrated even to the doubting ones that she is the better all around boat and is able to

hold the cup.

It was a glorious fifty-second anniversary of the victory of the old America in the first race for the now celebrated cup. Bright sunshine, a steady smooth sea greet ed the cup racers and the great fieet of exboats that met at the old red Sandy Hook lightship at 11 Saturday morning. But the wind was from the southwest, and that necessitated a shift in the starting place to a point some distance out to sea, in order to be able to lay the course into the wind and not endanger the yachts by sending them into shoal This change delayed the start of the race forty-five minutes, but that proved no hardship to the excursionists, for the race, once started, was soon over.

The thirty mile course was covered by the American sloop in three hours, thirtytwo minutes and seventeen seconds, which has been but once beaten in a windward and leeward cup race. That one time was in October, 1893, when Vigilant beat Valkyrie II in three hours, twenty-four minutes and thirty-nine seconds in a fifteen mile to windward and back course from the Scotland lightship. But that match was sailed in a gale of wind, whereas yesterday twelve knots was the strongest, and it often softened to eight knots an

Reliance Took Second Race! NEW YORK, August 25 .- In a glorious

whole-sail breeze, over a triangular course, ten miles to a leg, the fleet footed cup defender Reliance again to-day showed her heels to Sir Thomas Lipton's challenger taking the second race of the cup series of 1903 by the narrow margin of one minute and nineteen seconds. It was as pretty and hard a fought contest as has ever been sailed off Sandy Hook and, had the wind not fallen during the last ten mintwelve minutes and fifteen seconds, made by Columbia two years ago in her memorable race against Shamrock II would have been broken. As it was Reliance sailed the thirty within miles two minutes and thirty-nine seconds of the record, which speaks wonders for her speed in the wind that was blowing. Reliance's victory, narrow as it was, would have been even smaller had not Captain Wringe, the skipper of the British ship, bungled the start, sending his craft over the line nineteen seconds after the last gun and handicapping her to that extent. At every point of sailing the defender's superiority was demonstrated. She gained one minute and fifty-one seconds in windward work, forty seconds on the run to the second mark, and fortyfive seconds on the close reach for home.

Spawls from the Keystone.

-A Cambria county farmer declares that the country's potato and wheat crops are far above the average this year.

-The Thirteenth Pennsylvania Veteran Cavalry association will hold its annual reunion at Jersey Shore on Thursday, September 17th. 1903.

-Adam Schaefer, of Williamsport, inventor and patentee of an eveless and wireless umbrella, which he has been making for some time, has just equipped a new factory and will manufacture on a larger scale.

-Helen M. Young, aged six and a half years, daughter of groceryman T. J. Young, of Altoona, was a badly burned Friday that she died Saturday night. The child was playing with matches and her clothing took

-Miss Esther Murphy, of Chester Hill, the victim of the shooting affray at the Allegheny house, Clearfield, a week ago last Sunday, has so far recovered as to be able to leave the hospital. She is again at the Allegheny house and recovering rapidly.

-Early Thursday morning last a dog knocked a lantern over in the barn of Frank Mirely, near Cassville, Huntingdon county, and the barn, with all its contents, except the stock and some machinery, went up in

-William Silas Shaffer, brakeman on the Tangascootac railroad, several days ago distinguished himself by killing two large rattle snakes with one stone. As a testimonial of the unusual feat his friends now refer to Mr. Shaffer as "Rattle snake Bill."

-Sherman Freeman, of Mammoth, met a tragic death while hauling pit posts Friday afternoon. He was on top of the load when the wheel of the wagon dropped into a rut. He was thrown from the wagon falling under the wheels which ran over him, crushing his head. He died soon afterward. The dead

man was 34 years old. -A man whose name is unknown, but who has been in the vicinity of Rockwood grinding scissors for some time, was struck and instantly killed near that place by excursion train No. 13, running from Cumberland to Pittsburg Saturday evening. Little is known of the victim save that his home was sup-

posed to be in Punxsutawney. -Harry Moore, aged ten years. a son of J. Hollinsworth Moore, of Williamsport, was drowned at 4:30 o'clock Saturday. Thirtyfive boys were swimming nearby and none saw him drown. When the boys were ready to go home the little fellow was missed and his clothes lying on a trestle where he had left them were mute testimony of his death. The body was recovered at 7:30, just as it was becoming dusk and hope of finding it was on

-While passing through Antia, near Du-Bois, on Wednesday of last week, with her daughter, Mrs. Peter Conroy, and a little daughter, the horse driven by Mrs. William Couch, of Rossiter, became frightened at a locomotive and backed over an embankment about thirty feet high. The horse and vehicle fell on top of the occupants. Mrs. Couch sustained injuries from which she died at 2 o'clock, and Mrs. Conroy and the child were both severely hurt and are in a critical con-

Casey, of Braddock, was found Sunday morning on the Pennsylvania railroad tracks about one mile east of Summerhill. Casey perfect yachting weather and nothing to had been seen about Summerhill for a week mar the fairness of the trial, Reliance on or so. It is supposed that late Saturday night or so. It is supposed that late Saturday night or early Sunday morning Casey started to walk to Lilly or Cresson, when he was struck by a train. His watch was found on his body and the hands pointed the hour of 3:30, and it is believed that it was at that time in the morning he was killed. The body was badly mangled, both legs being ground off and his head terribly crushed.

> -The camp meeting at Newton Hamilton is now numbered with the past religious gatherings of the year 1903. It was a successful meeting from the beginning to the end. A writer speaking of the work done by many faithful people, says special mention is due to the efficient and faithful services of Miss Ida C. Nearhoof, of Warriorsmark, who presided untiringly at the organ throughout all the services from the early morning each day to late at night. Her sweet spirit and patience won the admiration of all. Miss Flow Stouch, of Altoona, and all who were active in the various sessions were well pleased and declare their intention of returning next year.

> -The Pennsylvania railroad is pushing the work of building its telegraph pole lines to replace those destroyed for the Western Union company, and expects to be able to turn them over to the Postal company by October 1st, when the telegraph company will rush the work of stringing its wires. A large force of men is at work at present erecting poles between Tyrone and Altoona, and along the Northern Central and Cumberland Valley railroads. The Pennsylvania railroad will own all the poles along its right of way, under its contract with the Postal, and will merely lease them to that company, in order to remain in command of the situation. Work is being pushed on the new telegraph office at the Broad street station, Philadelphia, and it will be ready for service in a few weeks.

-On last Wednesday night or very early Thursday morning, as a son or employee or John C. Goss, whose home is in Clearfield county, but at present is doing some contract work in the vicinity of Grafton, Huntingdon county, was driving in a carriage near Grafton, his horse plunged over a steep bank by the roadside, and was killed. The driver himself was uninjured. Mr. Goss was informed of the loss of his horse and the manner in which it occurred. He at once informed the supervisor that he would make a claim of \$125. Rather than have a suit over the matter the supervisor and some of the leading citizens of the township where the accident occurred, thought that it would be best to settle the affair at once, for they realized that the law strictly and definitely provides that all public highways shall be made safe to travelers, and they well knew that proper precaution had not been taken by them. They, without very much deliberation, decided to pay the damage claimed by Mr. Goss, and on Saturday morning Anthony Forshey, the supervisor, paid over to him \$125 for the loss of his horse.