Democratic Hatchman

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Ink Slings

-Cotton took a very sudden tumble on Tuesday and a lot of speculators tumbled with it.

-The Russian note will soon go to protest if it isn't taken care of better than it is by the Czar.

-Going to war is almost as easily done as said but paying the bills is an entirely different matter.

-Col. SKINNER may have seen King MENELIK, of Abyssina, but that isn't going to reduce the price of eggs.

-The ground-hog certainly saw his so far in his hole that he couldn't get out.

-And this is the season of the year that our merchants are buying straw hats and don't have to wear them now.

-The death of WILLIAM C. WHITNEY removes the man to whom, above all others, the United States is indebted for the reorganization and promoting of the new navy.

-It is little wonder that the question as to "what is a Democrat" has gotten into the courts in Philadelphia. The jury should bring in a verdict of "the higher, the few-

-It's a wise child that knows its own father, but judging from speeches at the opening of Parliament in London on Tuesday Mr. AUSTEN CHAMBERLAIN seems to be right well acquainted with his.

-KATE SOFFEL is up against it about as hard as she was when trying to escape with the notorious BIDDLE boys. The But ROOSEVELT and KNOX know better. courts have restrained her from showing her brazen face in Washington county.

-Williamsport is the home of some one who is bad enough to rob the contribution boxes for the hospital in that city and it is safe to say that Williamsport is heartily ashamed of being the domicile of such a measly wretch.

-The retirement of JOHN D. ROCKE FELLER from the directorate of the United States Steel Co. is not likely to have any effect on the amount of oil that is necessary to keep the waters of the Steel trust from getting too greatly troubled.

-State Treasurer FRANK HARRIS has appeared in a new role. Now he assumes to be a regular "watch dog of the treasury" and says he wont pay the increased salaries allowed judges by the last Legislature until the constitutionality of the law is tested in court.

-The poor man at York, who is dying of blood poison caused by getting washing soda into fresh cut in his hand while helping his wife wash, will be held up as a fatal example by many a lazy fellow who sits behind the stove smoking while his poor wife makes a slave of herself.

-Marriage appears to be somewhat of a failure in Dauphin county, judging from the thirty-eight petitions in divorce that were presented when court convened in Harrisburg on Monday. Can it be that the wise men of the State have had anything to do with the wholesale tearing up of the marital relations of the families about the capital?

-It has leaked out about Washington that a bill appropriating three-quarters of a million dollars for the purchase of a certain plot of ground is the beginning of a movement for a new "White House." The present one is said to be "too mean, cramped and dingy" for President ROOSEVELT. As sound business people a great many Americans will look on it as being far cheaper to get another President than to spend so

much money. -The President is in a hole. There is a surplus of \$280,000,000 in the United States Treasury, most of which vast sum is lying in National banks of the country drawing no interest. The bills incurred by the Panama canal proposition will soon be payable. The banks say they can't give up the money without causing a panic and the ad ministration is afraid to negotiate bonds to pay it when there is such a surplus in the Treasury. And there you are. What is to be done about it?

-If Supreme court justice BROWN, of Lancaster, actually thinks that PENNY-PACK ER' sdeal is a veritable case of a 'burglar trying to break into the Supreme court with a jimmy" he could do much to prevent the burglary. Brown is a leading QUAY man in Lancaster county and if he were to speak up strong against PENNY-PACKER's notorious attempt to push himself into a seat on the Supreme bench be would find so much sentiment crystalizis through in Harrisburg.

-Another imperialistic and expensive ton by our apparently thoughtless Presipersonal friends, retiring Secretary of War with comparatively little expense and ROOT and arriving Governor TAFT, he ordered out troops of cavalry as escorts for them through the streets of Washington. As a result of this unusual order every foreign Ambassador arriving and departing from Washington will henceforth demand a similar honor and it will not be long until the streets of our national capital will present the warlike and imperialistic tioner and Mr. RUNKLE has had experience aspect of the home of an Emperor or a Czar. sufficient to qualify him for the duties of Such things sieze hold upon a country by the office; besides his devotion to the Demsmall steps and we fear this one has been ocratic party merits the most kindly con Philadelphia that night will be made welextraordinarily large.

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Foraker Sharply Snubbed.

Senator FORAKER has introduced an amendment to the SHERMAN anti-trust law which if adopted would completely destroy the merits of that measure. Senator shadow on Tuesday unless he was frozen FORAKER is the President's campaign manager and it is commonly believed that his purpose in introducing the amendment was summer underwear. Thank the Lord, we But the scheme failed of its purpose. As a matter of fact, it operated very much like a boomerang. That is to say it created such an emphatic protest around ROOSEVELT'S ears that, according to some newspapers friendly to him, he was obliged to send for the Attorney General and get him to issue a statement denying all relationship to or even sympathy with the measure.

As a matter of fact, we are inclined to believe that the statement of Attorney General KNOX with respect to the matter is truthful. No doubt FORAKER believed that the introduction of such a measure would benefit the President, for he is superserviceable and not too sane. But he has entirely misinterpreted the conditions. He probably thought the movement would please the trust magnates and induce them to liberality in campaign contributions. They understand that it is not ROOSE-VELT's antipathy to trusts that has turned capital against him. It is in part his unreliability and inconsistency in everything and in part his habit of "holding up" railroads after the fashion of a highway-

It now remains to be seen how FORAKER will take the humiliation which the Attorney General's statement puts upon him. He was probably taken into the President's confidence less on account of his capability than because of his enmity to HANNA. ROOSEVELT hates HANNA's friends and likes his enemies without regard to merit or demerit. But even FORAKER's hatred of HANNA will hardly influence him to quietly submit to the open repudiation of the President and the chances are that hereafter, instead of one of the Ohio Sena- dishonor. But we doubt if the history of office Department. If this is not true let make common cause of an antagenism. In turpitude was so clearly expressed as in If there is no danger they won't be hurt. that event, it may be predicted that the this infamous deal of the Governor. Ohio delegation will lead the fight for a new candidate.

Take Care of the Fish

Fish commissioner MEEHAN is of the opinion that salmon may be propogated in the Delaware river as successfully as in the California streams and he has already taken steps to experiment in the matter. He also intends to stock all the streams in the State with fish for the purpose of increasing the supply of food fish. This is creditable both to Mr. MEEHAN's intelligence and his industry. A generous supply of food fish in the streams is one of the greatest attractions to a community and every section of this State may be made thus attractive.

But stocking the streams won't of itself achieve the result. The fry must be taken care of after they are planted and when they have grown to the proportions of food fish they must be taken care of by the enforcement of adequate laws. We are not sure that the present laws are adequate laws, but they ought to be enforced anyway and in that way whatever delinquencies there are will be revealed and may be corrected by subsequent legislation. It is certain that we will never have an abundance of fish until the laws regulating the taking of fish are enforced.

There has been a great improvement in this respect since the organization of the Department of Fisheries and the appointment of Mr. MEEHAN. He has proved himself an admirable official. But much as he has achieved there is still much to do and we hope that during the approaching season he will exert every effort to protect the fish in so far as the law provides a means. In that way not only the Delaware but the Susquehanna and all the other rivers and streams might be made homes for California salmon.

Of the other varieties of fish which were formerly abundant in various sections of Pennsylvania equal care should be taken. The mountain streams of this section once ing around his opposition that the sage of offered inducements to genuine sportsmen WETZEL'S swamp would have to get back superior to those of any other sections of to the tall grass of Chester county after he the country by the presence of abundance of brook tront. The capable and energetic commissioner should direct his attention to precedent has been established at Washing- the planting of those streams with trout fry and the preservation of them until dent. In order to gratify the vanity of his they mature. This can be accomplished should not be neglected.

> -- In another column of this issue will be found the announcement of WILLIAM through his visit to Bellefonte. GROH RUNKLE Esq., who aspires to the nomination of the Democratic county convention for District Attorney. It is an honorable ambition for any young practisideration of his claim.

Pennypacker's Infamous Deal.

The later developments with respect to Governor PENNYPACKER's intrigue to force himself on the Supreme court bench presents that atrocious conspiracy in a most imagine a moral turpitude, outside of the most depraved element of the human famito reconcile Wall street to ROOSEVELT. ly, equal to such iniquity. This old man, immersed in his own forbidding egotism, engages in the corrupt commerce of disrepntable politics with an abandon that is amazing. He not only sells his own office as part payment for another less honorable but more lucrative position but he offers to bargain away, for a corrupt consideration, the official patronage of his successor in his present place.

According to a well authenticated statement published in a recent issue of the Philadelphia "Press" Governor PENNY-PACKER tendered to Hon. LYMAN D. GIL-BERT, of Harrisburg, the appointment to the vacancy on the Supreme bench of the State created by the death of Chief Justice McCollum in consideration of a pledge that he would not he a candidate for the nomination to succeed himself, and to Governor agreed to have Mr. GILBERT appointed Attorney General, by "OLEO" \$20,000 a year." Mr. GILBERT being an honorable man declined to enter iuto the agreement and the Governor nominated

a Democrat for the vacancy. Since the elevation of MATTHEW STAN-LEY QUAY to the leadership of the Republican party we have had many disreputable deals and demoralizing conspiracies in the laws, and the culprit, QUAY himself, having escaped the penalty of the misdemeanor by pleading the statutes of limitation. Offices have been bought and sold in the open and legislative bribery has become as

A Base Slanderer.

At a dinner in honor of Senator PEN-ROSE, in Philadelphia, one evening last week, Governor PENNYPACKER was the principal speaker after the guest of the evening. PENROSE spoke at considerable length and enlogized the political conditions in Pennsylvania. Other States, he said, envy this because it gives a larger Republican majority than any other. Philadelphia, he continued, gave the Republican State ticket a majority of 145,000 last fall, more than the majority given by any other State which held an election last year, except Ohio. Allegheny county, he added, gave 70,000 majority, which was also more than any State gave other than Ohio.

Following this brazen laudation of fraud Governor PENNYPACKER spoke of Pennsylvania and in a series of tiresome and inane platitudes eulogized QUAY and PEN-ROSE. But the significant feature of his absurd speech was his fling at Mr. CHAS. EMORY SMITH. "Penusylvania," be said, "is not governed by adventurers from other States and countries who come among us. This was clearly in the resentment of the exposure of the dishonorable traffic in public office in which he has been engaged since the increase in the salary of justices of the Supreme court made that office attractive to his covetous nature and strangely developed cupidity.

In 1880 Mr. CHARLES EMORY SMITH, gentleman and scholar, came from Albany, New York, where he had been the capable editor of an important and influential newspaper, to Philadelphia, where he became editor of the Philadelphia Press. Since that he has been a leader in every deserving and philanthropic work. He has served his country as Ambassador to Russia and won distinction by his courtesy and capability. He served five years as Postmaster General with exceptional ability and fidelity, and he has been conspicuous and efficient in educational and other good works in the State. To call such a man an adventurer is a slander which deserves the sharpest rebuke that the people of the State can administer.

It will be only a short time now until the University Extension lectures will be begun and if you have not already subscribed to the course you should make it a point to do so. The opportunity presented to Bellefonte in securing Mr. E. L. S. Horsburgh, the eminent English lecturer, is exceptional and it would be too bad to miss any of the advantages to be secured

-Up to this time about sixty persons have accepted the invitation to be present at the banquet of the Centre county association of Philadelphia, at Dooner's hotel, in that city, on Tuesday evening, February 9th. It should be borne in mind that any Centre countians who happen to be in

The Investigation Stopped.

The Republicans of the Senate have finally succeeded, it appears, in suppressing the proposed further investigation into the Post Office Department frauds. sinister light. It is almost impossible to In his report to the President made about the opening of the extra session of Congress Fourth Assistant Postmaster General BRISTOW declared that a more searching inquiry might be necessary for the reason that a Senator, some Representatives in Congress and others were inculpated. The distinguished lawyers Messrs. Bona-PARTE and CONARD appointed to examine the evidence gathered by BRISTOW said that a congressional investigation is essential to the vindication of justice. Yet there has been no further investigation and the incident is closed.

Why have the Republicans of the Senate, especially such close friends of the President as Senator LODGE, of Massachusetts, prevented a more searching investigation of the frauds in question? We can understand why Senator Burton of Kansas, was opposed to a reopening of the subject. He was inculpated in the frauds and hoped to escape the just penalty of his crimes. But make the proposition more alluring the Senator Longe could hardly have been influenced by the sense of self-preservation. It is hardly possible that Senator SPOON-

BROWN, which office he added "is worth ER, of Wisconsin, and Senator Allison, of Iowa, are culpable and afraid of exposure. They are above suspicion. They have never soiled their hands by the touch of bribes.

The fact is, however, that they understand that most of the high Republican officials are concerned in the frauds. It is already known that the trace of corruption official life of Pennsylvania. The funds of was followed into the private office of the the State have been used by high officials Postmaster General and his private Scorein violation of the constitution and the tary was tainted. It is believed that if the inquiry were pursued it would lead even closer to the President and other high officials and to save them Senator LODGE, Senator SPOONER and Senator ALLISON have stultified themselves by becoming common as other forms of iniquity and "fences" for official thieves in the Posttors being opposed to him they will now the State presents a case in which moral them permit the investigation to proceed.

Secretary Root's Retirement.

The retirement of Secretary of War Root is a subject for popular congratulation. During five years he has administered the office bestowed on him at the demand of the trusts in violation of the law and in contempt of the constitution. Without military experience he was appointed because it was felt that in the event of necessity he would promptly turn the guns of the army on the people of the country and direct that every soldier shoot to kill. That is the kind of men the trust magnates want in such positions. HANNA always gave them what they wanted while MCKINLEY was in office and ROOSEVELT

has obliged them since. During that brief period of five years Secretary Root has done more to revolutionize the army than all his predecessors since the beginning of the government. Previous to his administration an American soldier preserved the prerogatives of an American citizen. He was taught to obey orders on duty, of course, and he always met that obligation. But off duty he could vote, speak, read and think like any other citizen. But Root altered all that. During his administration even so distinguished a soldier as General MILES was rebuked for expressing an opinion on a subject unconnected with the army. Such a thing would not have been tolerated before his time.

It was through the influence of Root. moreover, that that favoritism which has culminated in the promotion of Dr. LEONARD WOOD to the rank of Major General over the heads of more than 200 deserving veterans, was introduced and deneeded about the headquarters under that system. Loyalty to the chief rather than to the country, is what is required and if longer it is uncertain what the army would

factory business and already two meetings its prerogative. have been held in that place looking to the erection of a cannery. Last Tuesday M. J. Briggs, a representative of W. Penn Davis, of Philadelphia, met a few people of that community in the hardware store in Millheim to talk over the proposition. To build a plant with a capacity of 300,000 cans a year he said would take \$15,000. On Wednesday about seventy-five farmers and others met in the town hall to discuss it and after spending the afternoon in talking over plans they appointed J. W. Karstetter, of Coburn; A. J. Gephart, of Millheim and Clymer Stover, of Aaronsburg, a committee to visit and investigate some cauning factories and report their findings to those interested in the project.

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What are we to do Anyway? From the Philadelphia Evening Telegraph. Sir Roger de Coverley's declaration that there was something to be said on both sides of a certain question has been commonly cited as a sarcasm directed against those fickle and indecisive persons who are "on the fence." But there is scarcely a problem out of Enclid which has not two sides. A regular and systematic life is supposed to be the means of attaining happiness, wealth and health. Here is Dr. O. T. Osborne, of the Yale Medical school, who tells us, however, that reg-ularity—or, rather, the strain of attaining regularity— is fatal to the heart, nerves and hapiness in this life. The effort to meet engagements, to be on time, to do the given work with in its allotted hour, to breakfast within a certain time, to reac the office "on the dot," to accomplish the work which has been plauned, results in "nervous disturbances of the heart muscle, hastening a degeneration of the circulatory system that comes normally only late

There are two chief dangers or wearing effects in "systems" which threaten the man of promptitude and dispatch. The effort to reach certain efficiency is heart weakening. The sprinter in the 100-yard race is "set" just before the word is given. This tensity of muscle and attention is a very exhausting process, and if repeated often enough will wear the runner out before the race. This is the kind of ordeal the worker goes through when he is always trying to be on time and to do things within a given time. There is another element entering into the wear and tear of the system. The trolley wheel, for instance, though it rests never so lightly on the feed wire, will show a rut in time, and the man who follows a certain relentless routine will have weakness of heart or

brain or nerves if he keeps in the rut. The thing seems to be reasoned out very plausibly, but what are we to do about it? We cannot imagine, unless it be to advise the systematic people to be on time with-out trying too hard, or to urge them to break the routine often enough to escape the ruts. The old human race is trying to become efficient for a million years, more or less, and has just attained to something like efficiency. It is only a short time since railroad trains have been running on time; among the backward races the only person who is on time is the tax collector; in Mexico and in Spain and in all the Spanish-American countries it is always "manna" -tomorrow-but never today and now, and in America, where business is actually done with dispatch, system and comfort, we have it constantly dinned in our ears that the race cannot stand it.

Perhaps the great problem is to interrupt the system frequently; to break the routine: to stop for a while trying to be on time when there appears to be a strain or undue expenditure of effort involved. At any rate, that is the only feasible remedy, because he who should counsel Americans to become listless and tardy and careless would be regarded by the business world as a public enemy.

A Chance for an Explanation, at Least.

From the Pittsburg Post. By cutting out of the urgent deficiency bill the item carrying their double mileage the members of the House have with singular unanimity repudiated the President's constructive recess theory. They have de-clared that there was not even a psychological hiatus between the expiration of the administration's useless special session, and the assembling of the regular ssssion at nues possible from the postal service, and noon, December 7. It goes without saying desires those who are benefited by it to pay that if legislation based upon the President's convenient but preposterous assump-tion that there was an actual lapse of time between 11:60 a. m.aud 12 meridian on the same day had been enacted the courts would have declared such enactment void.

But in this imaginary infinitesimal time

President Roosevelt claims that he had the

constitutional power and the physical ability to sign various commissions to office which invest them with the privileges and immunities of recess appointments. officials so appointed are now performing their duties and drawing compensation therefor. Senstor Tillman has introduced a resolution calling upon the appointing power to inform the Senate of the number and character of these appointments, and also upon what warrant they were made. Senator Lodge and other cuckoo Senators have tried to convince the country that there was a recess, and that therefore Mr. Roosevelt was clearly within his constitutional rightswhen he made the appointment. But the country is not convinced. The Tillman resolution affords the administration Senators a better opportunity to prove veloped. That is one of the consequences of Europeanizing the army. Favorites are ed by the mere academic question at first

involved. Should the information sought by the South Carolinian 'e freely and fully given to the country, is what is required and if the Senate can say whether or not presi-Root had continued in office a few years dential favorites are to be foisted upon the army and other departments of the Governhave done in an emergency. His retirement Senate either has failed or refused to ment in this absurd manner after the is, therefore, a matter of public felicitation. | confirm their original appointments. This is the question of importance now involved, and it is one upon which the Senate ought to make a clear and dignified assertion of hours before a neighbor, passing along the

> Babe's Body Found Along Railroad. The Mother Says It Accidentally Fell From the Car

The dead body of an infant was found along the Buffalo, Rochester and Pittsburg railroad tracks, near Curwensville, a day or two ago. It was found by a track walker. The matter was referred to the county authorities, and the mother of the child has been found at Grampian. She confessed to having left the child fall from the train while coming to Clearfield from Dubois, but that she was so badly frightened that she was afraid to report the matter to the authorities. Physicians declare that the child was undoubtedly alive when it fell from the train. The mother is being

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Spawls from the Keystone

-The State Department has granted a charter to the Lock Haven Knitting com pany, which is capitalized at \$15,000.

-The school board of Jersey Shore has decided to erect a new building that will be used for High school purposes.

-A shirt factory at DuBois, employing 40 girls, was destroyed by fire last Saturday and it is uncertain whether it will be rebuilt or

-Geo. W. Friday, Huntingdon's famous drummer, and who is claimed to be one of the best in the county, expects to play at

-Howard Waple, 25-years-old, was ground to death under a New York Central train near Kermoor last Friday night. A wife survives him. He was the third man of one crew to meet death within a few weeks.

-Three horses on the stage route between Clearfield and Karthaus died the past week, two of the animals from sickness and a third from having its leg broken. The loss comes pretty heavy on the stage and mail route driver.

-Williamsport possesses one of the 12 prettiest babies in the United States and Mr. and Mrs. Clinton B. Coleman, of West Fourth street, are the proud parents. The award has been made by the Ladies' Home Journal. There were 1,800 contestants.

-About 100 boxes of glass were broken last week at the Fitzpatrick factory of Falls Creek, by the floors sinking enough to pull loose the stalls or petitions at the top against which the glass rest and stall and glass came down with a crash. It took several days to clean up the broken glass, etc.

-Jeremiah G. Farwell, of Detroit, aged 36 years, and a son of one of the most prominent capitalists of Detroit, died in a hospital Saturday from a bullet wound through his stomach, fired, it is supposed, with suicidal intent. He was found dying at the Woodward avenue car barns, with a revolver

-Robert Igos' bull went mad Friday at his farm near Bellwood, and bit seven people. They are Robert Shields, of Bellwood : Mary Hoffman and her playmate, Carl Prunkard, and William Davis, near Fostoria, and Edward Shay and Charles Smith, at Fostoria, where the people tried to kill it but failed, allowing it to escape.

-As a last effort to get what is due him as caterer for the members of the Legislature during their trip to the unveiling of the Grant monument at New York in 1897, James Russ, of the Commonwealth hotel, Harrisburg, has sent a letter to members of that body who participated in the affair, requesting each to send him \$15 to compensate

-Mrs. Fannie Allen, of Williamsport, is at the hospital suffering from burns on her shoulders and neck. When filling a lamp in the cellar of her home Saturday her dress caught fire. She ran into the yard and fell upon the snow, which was thrown over her by a neighbor, Mrs. Frank Henninger. The flames were thus extinguished before she was fatally burned.

-The spectacle of a bare foot man clad only in trousers and undershirt, and suffering from small-pox, plodding through the snow covered streets of Williamsport at an inspiring sight in the eyes of some citizens of the Lumber city. It was an inmate of the city contagious disease bospital who had escaped the vigilance of his nurse. He was eventually recaptured.

-Rural mail carriers are strictly prohibited from carrying verbal messages. If a farmer should ask them to tell neighbor Jones to come his way, as he wanted to see him, the carrier couldn't lawfully deliver the message. The proper method would be for the farmer to write a letter or postal card to neighbor Jones and the carrier will deliver it. The reason is that the government wants all the revethe same.

-On Saturday morning about 5 o'clock an overheated stovepipe caused a fire in the dwelling of Oscar Barefoot, of Foustwell, Cambria county, by which the building, a rather frail one, was destroyed. In the confusion of the moment the 6-months' old family baby, which was sleeping in its cradle on the second floor, was temporarily forgotten, but the father happened to think of it and rushed up the flaming stairway, bringing the child out unharmed, although he sustained some slight burns upon his return.

-Robert Ross and a man named "Shine" are employed at the Blair Furnace brickyard, east of Altoona. For some time they have been rivals for the affection of a woman residing at that place. Ross was the lady's choice and "Shine" took the matter seriously. As Ross was leaving his camp at about one o'clock Saturday morning to visit another, he was told to halt by "Shine" and, if he moved another step, he would blow his head off. He turned to go back and "Shine" fired several shots, one making a slight wound in the right leg and another whizzing past his ear.

-Mrs. John Biddle, wife of a Huston township, Clearfield county farmer, entered a chicken coop Wednesday morning to feed the poultry. The wind slammed the door shut hard enough to set the dead latch, making her a prisoner. The thermometer stood hours before a neighbor, passing along the road, saw a handkerchief waving from a small window of the hen house and investigated. Mrs. Biddle was found almost unconscious from the intense cold. Her feet and hands were frozen and she is in a serious

-While hunting in the woods near Fallen Timber, Cambria county, last week, Martin Rickert and his brother George suddenly came upon a large she bear and three cubs. Although considerably startled the hunters still had presence of mind enough to let fly, and after six shots succeeded in killing the bear and capturing the cubs. The dead bear weighed 300 pounds. One of the cubs which was presented by its captors to Clyde Mc-Manamy, of Van Ormer, has been adopted by the mother of a litter of pups, and is getting along famously, neither the foster mother nor the little bruin being apparently sa re of the deception.