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BY P. GRAY MEEK.

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—The moon's away 'round in the north,
Which means more cold and snow,
Is this next winter settin' in

Or the last one on the go?

-Do you think this is the ending of last or the beginning of next winter?

-The poor Russian bear will be fit only for the international zoo before long. -When people talk about the weather nowadays it is not "hot air" they give you. anyhow.

-The trouble with Russia appears to be that she has too many of the Wood variety of Generals at the head of her army.

-Don't be foolish. If it is costing you more money to live than you are making. don't stop living. Try making more money first.

-There are a lot of big men in the Democratic party in New York, but at this writing DAVID B. HILL looks like the bead-liner.

-We are having the April showers all right enough, but woe betide the May flower that has the hardihood to push its blushing face to the wind. -There are indications that the Czar of

Russia will deplete his forces faster by chopping the heads off his commanders than the Japs will do in battle. -There is only the difference of one lit-

wasn't really in a position to discern any difference at all in what it got at Albany during the fore part of the week. -It is refreshing to read the editorial

comments of the Williamsport Sun on the status of the Democratic party in Pennsylvania. The Sun seems to be so thoroughly conversant with things it knows nothing whatever about.

-The Bellefonte council has essayed to do some very wonderful things, but will the people please keep their eyes on this latest plan to reduce the taxes and at the same time raise enough money to pay off a floating indebteduess.

-The entire commerce of Korea amounts to only fifteen million dollars a year, yet Russia and Japan are spending almost that Here is another case of Philippine penny wise and pound foolishness.

-As a result of most careful observation a Washington scientist ann ounces that the sun is changing its shape. There has been every indication for some time that Old Sol is not in his usual good form and is proving anything but the warm member he

So far as the disposition on the part of Clearfield county delegates to be fair to the other counties of this congressional district cerned, they might just as well have had their meeting at home and said nothing to the rest about it. There would have been just as much satisfaction at the out-

-The fact that the birth rate has declined in London from 32.2 per thousand in 1881 to 28.5 in 1902 is conclusive evidence that children are no longer popular with the English. This being so we are constrained to inquire where JOHN BULL expects to get his soldiers should another PAUL KRUGER appear on the horizon a quarter of a century hence.

-Now that there are signs of the successful enimination of the effort to waft a m an's finger onto his face so that it will do duty as a nose for him we rise to remark that it is not such a wonderful operation, after all. There has ever been a marked affinity between the fingers and the nose. In fact it seems absolutely impossible for some people to keep their fingers a way from that organ and just look at what an expressive combination the small boy has ever been wont to make of his w iggling five fingers and nose.

-It is questionable whether it was a wise proposition for one of our local clergymen to promulgate from his pulpit on a recent Sunday evening, but he did it and we give it publicity. He said: "Looking the world over and studying the life of both classes I submit that there will be far more women in Heaven than men." As an ecclesiastical proposition it might be good, but if this same gentleman of the cloth had seen the actions of some of the women in the back pews of his church at the very moment be was giving them a lead along the path to Heaven he would have been forced to acknowledge that there might be a possibility of a good many women backing out, if they should find that there are not enough men there to go round.

-There is a new political nut for the Republicans of Centre county to crack. It has two kernels in it, too. Colonel REED-ER and COLONEL chambers. Both of the gentlemen bave announced as candidates for county chairman; the former under an arrangement with Judge Love that the local organization shall remain as it has ing set aside and proposes to show the significant a position for such a distinguishmake them eat out of his hand anytime he dollar is behind it every time. wants to and it might be different with REEDER. .. Jasottes of select names a nedw

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Work of the Convention. The Democrats of Penusylvania may just. ly "point with pride" to the convention which served its purpose in Harrisburg on Tuesday and the work of the State Central committee the day following. A finer convention never was held anywhere. It was a gathering of the unbossed and unbought yeomanry of the State. They came together in obedience to a self-imposed but and they discharged every duty as they understood it. There were no dissensions, no violent eruptions, no criminations. But was the fruit of mutual confidence and common interest

It was said by those present that never before has there been in this State, at least, so harmonious a political convention, where each unit in the body had nubridled license to express an independent opinion. tle letter in HILL and hell, yet TAMMANY Republican conventions have been more obedient to the mandates of the bosses because a note of dissension means ostracism from the political councils of the party. But there were no such restraining influences at work in the Democratic convention of Tuesday. In that body every delegate felt that he was a sovereign with the full right of free speech and action. But the patriotic impulses which move

Of the work of the convention little need be said, for it will commend itself to the trick. favor of thoughtful people. In another article we have attempted an analysis of the platform adopted. As to the candidate General GROSVENOR, for on two or three fall therefore rests on a solid basis of ascerfor the only office to be filled we need go no further than to quote the language of things in connection with fake encyamount every week they fight over it. Governor PENNYPACKER in justifying his clopedias and other bogus contributions to appointment. He represents the highest standard of fitness. He is not only an accomplished lawyer with ripe judicial experience and legal learning, but in personal character he is a model of excellence. We campaign committee of his party. He may well revert with satisfaction to the probably knows that there will be no real work of the convention.

Treasurer Harris Fails.

State Treasurer HARRIS has "wearied of well doing" or else he has been called off. At any rate, he proposes to let the end of real meritorious service he undertook since he entered upon the duties of his office. To be exact he has determined to let drop his purpose of putting to the test the constitutionality of the judicial salary bill enacted during the last session of the Legislature which considerably increased the salaries of judges in commission, notwithstanding such a thing is specifically forbidden by the fundamental law of the State.

State Treasurer HARRIS declares that he is still convinced that the law in question is invalid. That being true, his failure to continue the resistance to its operation is plainly a misfeasance. He is sworn to "support, obey and defend the constitution." That instrument in the plainest terms forhids the increase or decrease in the compensation or emoluments of any public official during the term for which he was elected. But the law which Treasurer HARRIS proposes now to let take its course increases the salaries of public officials and in yielding before the last expedient of resistance has been exhausted is not defending the constitution.

The machine selected the judges to sit on the question of the validity of the law because it was understood that if they knew the law they would conceal the knowledge in the interest of politics. Judge Von MOSCHISKER is one of the newly created Philadelphia machine judges and Judge BELL, of Blair county, already stands charged with the commission of offences against the law which are not compatible with the dignity of the position he holds. But because such judges have decided adversely to his contention in the lower court he declines to carry it to a higher tribunal. It looks as if HARRIS had been called off.

-The Centre Hall Reporter complains that the telephone service in Penns valley once extended by the local Commercial company is being more and more restricted by the United Telephone and Telegraph Co., by which the Commercial was absorbed, some time ago. Exactly so. What else could thave been expected? As long as an undertaking is weak and struggling it bows and bends, and struggles to please been provided REEDER gives LOVE his un- everyone. But let it get strong enough qualified support. The latter is tired be- to stand on its own legs and it will always have a leg not in use with which to bosses that a forty-seventh secretaryship on kick the very people who helped it to get the county committee is entirely too in- any legs at all. The trouble with the American people today is that they are ed COLONEL. Of course it must be entirely too tender hearted and philanhamiliating to men like chambers, who thropic with such infants. It must always gave LOVE their support when REEDER et | be borne in mind that their nurses are not al was fighting him to the death, to be taking the job of raising them for love or turned down, but the Judge knows he can matters of public benefit. The almighty

-Subscribe for the WATCHMAN.

A Shabby False Pretense. General GROSVENOR, of Ohio, imposed a rather shabby false pretense on the House Judge ALTON B. PARKER, will be made of Representatives the other day. That is the Democratic nominee for President by to say under the rule which permits Repre- the St. Louis convention, public attention sentatives in Congress to print undelivered and political speculation naturally turns to speeches in the Congressional Record by the probable out-come of a contest between unanimous consent. he got in an autobiog- PARKER and ROOSEVELT in New York. raphy of the President. GROSVENOR doesn't usually ask "leave to print," pivotal States in presidential elections. sacred obligation to fulfill their civic duties which made it easier for him to practice the deception, for every Member assumed at once that any speech which he offered as his, was his own. But as a matter of a history of the life of the President, written by Mr. ROOSEVELT himself, and now

fraudulently in the Congressional Record. After this incident it is easy to imagine his luxurious special trains used in junkets charged up to the account of transportation of the mails in the Postoffice Department, for this is a petty and contemptible swindle. It is customary during presidential campaigns for the party committee to issue biographies of the candidate. It is practically an essential necessity of a contest and costs little outside of the postage which amounts to a good deal. But by getting the biography into the Congressional Directory it is made eligible for just men to a common purpose guided the transmission through the mails without Democrats in convention to a harmonious cost under a congressional frank so that the Republican committee will save the expense of postage by General GROSVENOR'S

> We would not have been surprised at any sort of sharp practice on the part of occasions he has been charged with such literature. But we acknowledge a considerable measure of surprise to learn that to be ROOSEVELT and PARKER-afford the President would lend himself to such a petty fraud in order to save expenses of the pectations." scarcity of such funds in the committee, for Mr. CARNEGIE has pledged a half million dollars and ROCKEFELLER will be equally liberal. But he knows that there will be a good many votes to buy and he

that is being seriously discussed in some western States would not suit in most sections of Pennsylvania, where steep hills would make it impossible for a team of scent.

wants to foster the fund for that purpose

as much as possible.

The Democratic Platform

Seldom in the history of the politics of this State has a convention declared so wisely on the fundamental questions in issue between the parties as did that which assembled at Harrisburg on Tuesday. It has been said derisively that the Democratic party has no issues this year. No intelligent observer of events will read the platform adopted on Tuesday and continue in that belief. As a matter of fact because the issues are so numerous, for the reason that the causes of complaint against the dominant party are so abundant, the platform was necessarily drawn out to nousual length, but it is neither diffusive nor ambiguous.

the catapulting of a politician into that tribunal. The scheme to transfer Governor PENNYPACKER from the office he now occupies to one of longer tenure and the machine has adopted an equally bazardous experiment by putting a discreditaudacious and dangerous scheme the convention declared that the Republican party from Centre county. 'makes the highest judgship a mere perquisite of a corrupt machine.'

The platform covers with equal directness and intelligence every phase of the existing political conditions. It demands in unmistakable language "decent ballot legislation:" It charges that the bronco busting President is a "standing menace to constitutional government. It declares that the Democratic party stands for the principles expressed by JEFFERSON, accepted by JACKSON and supported by TIL-DEN. In fact it is an ideal presentation of the political issues of the present and such a declaration of principles as may be supported with zeal and energy by every lover of good government.

-The Republicans of the county are going to hold their primaries on June 11th and the county convention on June 14th. This is a little earlier than usual but they want to give Judge LOVE more opportunity, after he becomes the nominee, in which GART, of Centre Hall; was sergeant-atto explain a lot of things to the outraged arms of the Democratic State convention citizens of Centre county.

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Who Will Get New York?

Assuming, for the sake of argument, that which is regarded as one of the three

Looking at the situation from the view point of a statistician who writes for the Pittsburg Post it is about as follows : "In 1896 a change of 20,000 votes in certain States would have defeated Mr. McKin-Ley. The last Democratic success in a State contest in New York was in 1897, the harmony was not that which character- fact the speech in question wasn't his own. States would have defeated Mr. McKinizes the relations of master and servant. It To be accurate it wasn't a speech at all, but LEY. The last Democratic success in a when Judge PARKER was elected chief justice by a majority of 60,889, following Philadelphia, was nominated by acclamathe presidential election of 1896, when that the President has had the expenses of Major McKINLEY scored the phenomenal lead of 268, 469. In the three gubernatorial elections since 1897—that is in 1898, in 1900 and 1902, the Republican majority next January.

The national delegates and electors of 1896. At the last election in 1902 political parties resumed their normal conditions, and Governor ODELL had a plurality of only 8,803, winning by a scratch and disaffection as to the Democratic candidate delegates-at-large to the national convendisaffection as to the Democratic candidate

New York at the presidential election this fall will poll not less than a million and a half of votes, with an excess of votes in the municipal divisions of the State. The Greater New York alone at the mayoralty election in 1903 polled nearly 300,-000 votes, with a Democratic majority for McClellan of 62,706. The Democratic hope and expectation of carrying New York this tained facts in late election results. Republican admissions and the general tenor of political and personal drift in the matter of probable candidates-supposing them strong ground for hopeful Democratic ex-

-Senators QUAY and PENROSE are blamed for the loss of a thirty-five foot channel in the Delaware. They will not be blamed for the loss of whatever majorities they may demand from subservient Philadelphia, however.

At a meeting of the directors of the matter of letting the contract for the first improvements to the property was considered. A number of bids were received and opened and upon motion it was decided to turn the awarding of the contract over to the building committee for final horses to hold back a heavy wagon in a de- consideration; with power to place it to the best advantage. The improvements contemplated at this time include the erection and equipment of the new gymnasium and the remodeling of the interior of the old building, but no changes to the front tary.

The following were elected division that the first tary is the following were elected division that the first tary is the first tary. vacated by Blanchard & Blanchard. The full plans carry a three-story front with a now occupied by the small office building. Samuel Gault, of this place, and the Hoffman Bros., of Williamsport, were the lowest bidders, there being only a few dollars between them. The contract has not been

-While both of the gentlemen who will represent this congressional district in the National Democratic convention are entirely worthy of the honor and capable At the outset the platform reprobates of making dignified delegates it is not to the attempt to dishonor and discredit the the credit of Clearfield county that she in-Supreme court of the State, as revealed in sisted on baving both of them. It is neither good polities, nor fair play to be a piggish simply because you can. And the day may come when Clearfield will regret its avariciousness in taking both represenmore generous emolument having failed, tatives for this district. Furthermore, it can be added with truthfulness, that many of the votes that were recorded in the ed politician without judicial experience Democratic column in Clearfield county or established reputation for legal learning last fall, and upon which the apportionin the position. In resentment of that ment of delegates was made, were secured though influence and work that emanated

-The design for the soldier's monument and Curtin memorial has been selected and the work of construction will be begun just as soon as the artist makes a few desired changes. The design of the Van Amringe Granite Co., of Waverly, Mass., was selected over that of the Smith Granite Co. It is to cost about \$35,000 when completed and will occupy a position just back of where the angel fountain now stands in front of the court house. Gov. Pennypacker, Gen. Beaver or Senator Patton were not present at the ineeting of the committee when the design was selected.

-The Philipsburg Journal states that James Laws succeeded in pulling out fiftynine trout on Friday, the opening day of the season. We wonder if James and the Journal know that it is against the law to take more that fifty trout in one day.

-Former sheriff Cyrus T. BRUNat Harrisburg on Tuesday.

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Pennsylvania Democrats Send Dele gates Bound by Unit Rule.

in Advance Went Through Without any Fric-HARRISBURG, April 19.-The Demo cratic state convention, which was held here to-day, refused to instruct the national delegates from Pennsylvania to vote for

Convention at Harrisburg. The Slate as Prepared

the nomination of Judge Alton B. Parker. of New York, for President. The delegates will go to St. Louis uninstructed and will be bound by the unit rule. An attempt was made at the meeting of the resolution committee of the convention

the convention. Justice Samuel Gustine Thompson, of tion for Supreme court justice to succeed himself for the full term of twenty-one years. He is at present a member of the

Supreme court by appointment of Governor Pennypacker and his commission expires chosen by the delegates from the Fifteenth and Twenty-second districts are contested. The contests were referred to a committee

James M. Guffey, Pittsburg; J. K. P. Hall, Ridgway; Robert E. Pattison, Phila-delphia, and Robert E. Wright, Allentown. John S. Rilling, Erie: E. M. Herbst, Reading; George McGowan. Philadelphia, and J. Davis Broadhead, South Bethlehem, were elected alternates-at-large. The following were elected delegates

from the Twenty-first district: W. E. Wallace, James Kerr. After the adoption of a resolution that Chairman Hall be directed to appoint a committee of five to formally notify justice Thompson of his nomination the conven

Mr. Hall Re-elected.

tion adjourned.

Elk County Senator Chosen by Acclamation to Lead the State Democrats. Secretary Meek is Re-ap

A four-minute session was held Wednesday afternoon by the State Democratic committee and State Chairman Hall was re-elected by unanimous vote. The roll call was dispensed with, as a quorum was present, although Dauphin county had no representation, Robert Stucker appearing

after the meeting had adjourned.

Senator J. K. P. Hall was nominated for chairman by ex-Congressman Stanley W. Davenport, of Wilkesbarre, the said he served with Mr. Hall in Congress and that it gave him much pleasure to nominate him. A motion to elect Mr. Hall by acclamation was adopted with enthusiasm.

Mr. Hall said in accepting that the Democratic party in Pennsylvania is better organized now than it has been for fifteen years and that it will give a good account of itself at the next election. His desire was not to continue at the head of the committee, owing to his business interests, but at the request of the party leaders be consented to serve for another year. Mr. Hall announced the reappointment of ex-Senator P. Gray Meek, of Bellefoute, as secre-

chairmen, making up the State Executive committee: First, John E. Walter, Lebanon; second, E. S. Doty, Bedford; third, store room or suites of offices on the site John B. Keenan, Greensburg; fourth, who compied by the small office building Wm. H. Knuebe, Erie; fifth, J. L. Spangler, Bellefonte ; sixth, H. E. Spyker, Lewisburg ; seventh, William T. Creasy, Catawissa; eighth, John F. Ancona, Reading; ninth, Charles P. Donnelly, Philadelphia.

The only changes among the division chairmen is in the First district, of which Dauphin is a part, where Mr. Walter succeeds T. Z. Minebart, of Chambersburg, and in the fifth, where Mr. Spangler takes the place of Daniel J. Driscoll, of Ridg-

The executive committee will meet in May, and Dauphin county's Democratic affairs will be reviewed.

The Czar of Pennsylvania.

From the Bedford Gazette.

The Pittsburg Times, a stalwart Republican paper, in discussing the supreme court deal, speaks "right out in meetin"." as follows: "Mr. Quay sprang his surprise without consulting even so close a lientenant as Senator Penrose. Penrose is wrathful, Lieutenant Governor Brown is disgusted, Mr. Elkin is more chagrined than pleased, State Treasurer Harris is on the warpath, and all up and down the State there is a feeling of irritation over this most surprising demonstration of absolutism in party management. With Senator Quay so unquestioned in authority and secretive in method, it is idle to speculate upon the future of Republican politics in Pennsyl-

Like Banquo's Ghost. From the Clearfield Republican.

Judge Love of Centre did not strengthen himself before the people of his county by granting over a half dozen liquor licenses along the Moshannon. They will all come back to haunt him in November. The fellows who have those licenses will not be worth much to him, when it comes to get ting votes.

Jail at Sunbury Closed.

SUNBURY, April 18 .- At a meeting of the county commissioners here today, it was decided to close the doors of the county jail to all prisoners, except those chargwith felony. Visitors are also barred. This action was taken to prevent the spread of smallpox, which is now epidemic in some sections of the county. and May sessions of court were postponed indefinitely by Judge Savidge.

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Spawls from the Keystone

-Mrs. Harriet Hunter, of Milton, celebrated her 104th birthday anniversary the other day, and is remarkably well preserved

-Rafting logs out of the boom at Williamsport began Monday. There are about 25,-000,000 feet of logs now in the boom. The Brown, Clark & Howe saw mill commenced operations Tuesday

-Richard Vanderpool died at the Bradford county almshouse on Tuesday at the extreme age of 105 years. Eleven years before his death he sustained a paralytic stroke, which left him bent and feeble, but

from which he had partially recovered. -Guiseppi Ricco, an Italian employed on a Philadelphia and Reading work train, was struck and killed by No. 5 east bound passenger train below Williamsport Tuesday afternoon. His body was hurled some distance from the track and death resulted al-

-Mrs. Ella Carothers, who became afflicted with small-pox at Tyrone several days ago, and was subsequently removed to the contagious disease hospital at the county home at Hollidaysburg, died at the latter institution Thursday night. Interment was

made in the Carson valley cemetery. -As Scott Miller was walking through an alley in Lewistown, he tripped and fell, fracturing his right leg in three places. Miller crawled on his hands and knees for almost a block to a carpenter shop, where he had the fractures reduced and was able to walk immediately afterward. The leg was

a wooden one. -The state insurance department at Harrisburg is sending out a list of fire insurance companies said to be illegal in business in this State. The companies are either bankrupt or have not been properly registered. An agent representing any of the fraudulent concerns is liable to a fine of from \$100 to \$1,-

-The Clearfield Young Men's Christian Association moved last week into its new \$18,000 home, formerly the Weaver homestead, which is to be extensively remodeled and enlarged this summer. The Association is only a year old and has made remarkable progress, the membership being close to the

200 mark. -A 12-year-old boy named Justin was killed near Towanda, on the Williamsport and North Branch railroad, the other day. A companion dared him to run across the track in front of an approaching passenger train, and in doing so he was caught and terribly mangled. He died shortly after

reaching the Sayre hospital. -The new Eagle brick works near Lock Haven were practically put in operation yesterday. The grinding pans were started yesterday and the making of brick comnences to-day. The kilns have not vet all been erected, but when the plant is fully completed it will have a capacity of from

60,000 to 65,000 brick per day. One day last week a Frenchman Lequeux died at Hawk Run, Clearfield county, after requesting that no minister nor priest should conduct a service and decreeing that the village band should furnish the procession to the cemetery with lively music. When nearing the grave the band started to play "Nearer My God to Thee," whereupon a

lively march was substituted. -Unable to swim and precipitated from a boat into twelve feet of water, three Italian employees of the Campbell brick company at Coopersdale, a suburb of Johnstown, were drowned in the Conemaugh river last Saturday evening shortly after 5 o'clock. Three other men narrowly e-caped the same fate. They were returning from their work and undertook to cross the river because it gave them a short route to their homes.

-John Baker, of Johnstown, formerly of Hollidaysburg and who is well-known in Johnstown, has accepted an engagement at Atlantic City with "The Johnstown Flood" amusement company. He will enact the role of alarming the residents of the dam district by announcing from horseback the breaking of the huge reservoir. Mr. Baker is known as the "Paul Revere" of the Conemaugh valley. In 1889 he enacted the same role and saved hundreds of lives.

-The New York Central shops at Oak Grove, which have been in full operation on Sundays for the past two months, did not work last Sunday. The shut down was ordered so that necessary repairs could be made upon the boilers in the boiler house. The large amount of work which caused the Sunday operations is practically accomplished and it is not probable that the shops will work as long or as many hands on Sunday

-A fatal and costly wreck occurred Sunday at a point a few miles north of Clermont, near St. Mary's. Jesse Brown, the fireman, was instantly killed, and Frank Krause, the engineer, had his back and both legs broken. He will die. Both lived at St. Mary's. Twenty-two cars and the locomotive were badly demolished. The train got beyond control on a steep grade and left the rails at a curve. The roadbed was badly torn up and all traffic was blocked for 14 hours

-A compound engine of extremely high speed and power, built for the Pennsylvania railroad for the purpose of exhibiting at the World's fair, by a firm in France, has reached Altoona. It was shipped in sections, six large flat cars being required to convey it to New York. It is being put together at the Juniata shops and will be ready for operation and shipment at St. Louis in about ten days. The length of the engine is 71 feet. It is painted red and black and will be changed to the company's standard color. A feature is that there is no pilot attached.

-Max Fridman, a Barnesboro clothier, recently received a letter from a former resident of Barnesboro, enclosing \$1.50 in payment for two pairs of gloves stolen from Mr. Fridman four years ago. The writer of the letter said he had recently been converted and wished to make restitution. This was a case of genuine conversion. A professing christian who contracts debts that he knows he will not be able to pay, or has no intention of paying, or neglects to, though his intentions were good enough when the purchases were made, is an injury to his church. no matter how loud his prayers or how active he is in church work.