Aemocratice Matchman.

BY P. GRAY MEEK.

Ink Slings. -A magazine called How to Make Money Has just gone up the spout.

Now really, doesn't it seem quite funny That this Mag couldn't find out. -Judging from the temperature this

morning His Hog-ship bas started in to out-rival TEDDY in strenuosity.

-The Centennial State has done well. In ballot box stuffing it seems to have emulated Philadelphia, the Centennial city.

-GROVER CLEVELAND might get a call to become pastor of a church, and GROVER wouldn't make a bad preacher either.

-Statistics prove that married life averages only twenty-eight years, yet how much longer it seems to most of the victims.

-It is not at all probable that the exenrsions KUROPATKIN has been trying to make into the Japanese lines are personally conducted.

-In theory the new Japanese system of would rather not be the midget who undertook to work it on a giant.

--Some of the churches of Bellefonte might find a speedy relief from their troubles by borrowing the good old mourner's benches from their Methodist brethren.

-Sousa is playing "Bedelia" to London audiences that are reported as going wild with delight over it. How lovely that BE-DELIA has been taken back home. It leaves more room for "Alexander."

-Before the Republican Senators at Harrisburg finally decide to add \$5,000 a year to the Governor's salary they had better prove to us that we are getting all we are paying for in that quarter now.

-In light of the unfortunate death of two tailors in a Russian bath house in New York, on Sunday, the Czar might bring victory to his arms by organizing a bathhouse brigade for service against the Japs.

-A new ruling of the police department of Buffalo requires policemen to visit every saloon on their beats. "Put me off at Buffalo" will be revived by every policeman out of a job in every city in the land.

-The Pittsburg Post suggests the possibility of air ships supplanting the automobile fad within the next decade. What a happy solution of all the important nuisances. Up in the air automobilists will interfere with no one but themselves.

-The fable of the cow jumping over the moon found a new version at Boalsburg a few days ago when a butcher made a mistake and slaughtered the wrong man's cow. In this instance the owner nearly jumped over the moon when he found it out.

-Poor BRYAN! There will be nothing for him to stand on in 1908 ROOSEVELT



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Mr. Bryan and Mr. Williams

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Since Mr. WILLIAM JENNINGS BRYAN, of Nebraska, and afterwards Mr. JOHN SHARP WILLIAMS, of Mississippi, bave as. sured the President that "they are in line with his motion on the question of discrimination in rates of and the payment of rebates by railroads," that subject has assumed a new aspect. Mr. BRYAN is a very influential private citizen and Mr. WILLIAMS, the Democratic leader on the floor of Congress, and their opinions are necessarily important. What motives influenced them to their declarations on the defense, jiu jitsu, may be all right but we subject have not as yet been made public but it may be said it was no sudden im-

pulse. Mr. BEYAN declared for Federal control of railroads two years ago, and Mr. WILLIAMS endorsed the President's message on the subject the moment it was read in Congress.

The question of Federal control of cor. porations is one of the gravest character. It is certainly not in consonance with the principles of the Democratic party as expressed by JEFFERSON and must be regarded as utterly intolerable to any one who believes in JEFFERSON'S doctrine of a strict construction of the Federal constitution. By that instrument all powers not expressly delegated to the Federal government are reserved to the States or the people, and the right to regulate the business of corporations created by the States, within the joker. State, has certainly not been delegated specifically or inferentially to either the President or Congress. But discrimination in rates and payment of rebates by

railroads are great evils and if these wrongs cannot be righted any other way the sup. monkeyed with Federal control of the railpression of them might justify an amend- roadson any other terms than those proposed ment to the constitution. We have great respect for the intelligence

and patriotism of both the gentlemen who have spoken, but our respect for the fundamental law of the land is paramount to all friendships or other considerations of whatever kind. That being true we can't see how it would be possible for Congress to act in

WILLIAMS suggest without violating the constitution. The right to regulate interstate commerce is anguestionably conveyed by the constitution to Congress and laws Interest in the Question Abated.

It is practically settled that there will be no legislation giving the Federal government control of the railroads at the present session. It is almost certain that there will be no extra session of the next Congress for the enactment of such legislation. The President has found out something that has abated his zeal. He is already turning his attention to race suicide, the purity of the home and other psychological questions which he now declares are paramonnt to all of the land according to his official duty economic problems. Besides they are less dangerous to handle. As an esteemed Philadelphia contemporary puts it, nobody declares for public immorality out loud.

We can understand in some measure what has influenced the President to a change of heart on the subject of Federal control of the railroads. When he first declared his opinions on that subject rather tentatively, the railroad magnates took somewhat kindly to the proposition. His plan had a little joker concealed in a forest of verbiage created by PAUL MORTON which was exceedingly enticing. It proposed to legalize pooling which has been a sort of forlorn hope of the railroad managers engaged in interstate commerce for many years. To this scheme Mr. CASSATT and. others gave a prompt and cordial assent. Bat the shippers went for it with rough hands and the President abandoned the

Then the big railroaders went over to Washington and began "doing things." They called out the railroad solicitors in Representatives on Monday evening rethe Senate and told them what would happen to their professional salaries if they by MORTON and the Senators carried their tales of woe to the White House. Of course the President wasn't very well pleased because he is marvelously fond of having his own way, but he found out that he would have to accept the inevitable and that if he pressed the Senators too strenuously he wouldn't get any kind of legislation that the manner in which Mr. BRYAN and Mr. he wanted at all. The result is an abatement of interest in the question.

The Delaware River Improvement.

We take this opportunity to protest

may well he passed forbidding the inter- | against the appropriation out of the State

ruption of traffic and regulating the rate of Treasury of half a million dollars for the

lution without division or objection, but obliged to pay generously for the defeat of when SPOONER "made his little speech" that measure though as a matter of fact it party lines were drawn and no action was would be overwhelmingly defeated anyway taken. The Wisconsin man got very vefor the machine is not going to fake the hement, however, and shook his shaggy hazard of crippling so productive a politicmain with ominous freedom. But nothing al ally as the liquor dealers' association. serious happened. Senator BACON quietly But the managers need money. We are glad, however, that the atrocious assured him that there was no intention exise board bill is not to be enacted. That to insult or otherwise injure the President, but that his purpose was simply to "supwould convert the license franchises of the State into a most powerful agency of polit-

port, obey and defend the fundamental law and agreeable to his oath of office." But SPOONER couldn't be appeased. He was

agency we can conceive of. We have no As a matter of fact the President had no more right to assume the character of an doubt that such a bill will be enacted some time if the machine continues its complete international policeman in San Domingo control of the Legislature. But the present than he would have to pull King Edward's leaders are comparatively new and will not nose if that gentleman should happen to offend him and his undertaking to collect risk such bazardous measures until a few the revenues and pay the debts of the year's experience have given them a better understanding of their work and greater Domingan government is an international outrage for which he ought to be properly confidence in their power. Until after the chastised. Besides the resolution of Mr. candidate for Governor is nominated they will not go to such ext remes. But after BACON was similar in tone and the same in substance as resolutions which have that, the deluge. been adopted by the Senate hundreds of times and been responded to at one time or

another by every President who ever held From the Pittsburg Post. Short work ought to he made of killing office. SPOONER simply made an egregious the proposed amendment to the Brooks ass of himself. liquor

The President Insulted.

Representative CREASY'S little joke on the Republican majority in the House of vealed a sad measure of inefficiency on the part of the leadership of that side. Mr. CREASY somewhat adroitly worked the anti-discrimination clause of the Democratic National platform into a resolution of endorsement of the President's crusade for anti-discrimination and introduced it into the House of Representatives. Of course the majority leaders didn't know that adopting the resolution was an endorsement of the Democratic platform at the time. But in exulting over the joke subsequently, the facts were revealed, whereupon the vote was reconsidered and the resolution defeated.

This supplemental idiocy only broadened the joke, however, if it didn't change the

political boards proceeding from a parliamentary comedy The proposed law is vicious in its con-ception and would be intolerable in its exinto a political tragedy. That is to say in defeating the resolution they prevented an endorsement of the President of their own choice in his most cherished policy. In other words, the popular branch of the Legislature of Pennsylvania refused a vote of endorsement of the Republican President while he was a guest of the principal Republican organization of the United States, in the chief city of the State for which the Legislature speaks, though he was at the moment appealing to the leading Republicans of the State for support on the measure. The President was of course cordially treated in Philadelphia but he could get little comfort out of perfunctory courtesies there while the Legislature was practically From the New York World, Jan. 28. condemning him at Harrisburg. It was the cruelist incident that we can call to mind in the political history of Pennsylvania. But it was exactly what was to be expected of a Legislature made up of incompetents and under the slavish domination of a not too enlightened boss. Probably Mr. CREASY intended to trick his friends, the enemy. Possibly he didn't want the President endorsed at all. But his resolution was an unequivocal endorsement of ROOSEVELT and its defeat can be construed in no other light than as an

Spawls from the Keystone.

-There were 199 miners killed in the Wyoming valley last year, and they left 109 widows and 212 orphans.

-The increase in freight receipts at the N. Y. C. depot at Clearfield for the month of December 1904, was \$10,000 above December 1903.

-Clearfield county now comes to the front with a remarkable cow-one that gave birth to a fully developed calf on December 18th, and another on January 21st.

-Miss Viola Rathgeber, a stenographer in the law office of Brown & Stevenson, Lock Haven, was, last week, commissioned a notary public by Governor Pennypacker.

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ical corruption. It would force every

liquor dealer into willing or unwilling

service of the machine and contribute more

to the corruption of politics than any

A Victous Measure

courts the power of granting licenses in all the counties of the State except Phila-delphia and Allegheny, The bill proposes to vest this power in a board of three per-

the courts granting licenses would sink in-

to insignificance in comparison with those which would be justly raised against the

proposed new system if it should be put in

The courts exhibit as a rule an independ:

The course exhibit as a rule an independ-ence and probity of action in this matter of granting liquor licenses which could not be expected and would not be in evi-dence in boards composed entirely of poli-ticians. The people also have a respect for the actions of the courts which they never would exhibit toward the proposed.

the license courts.

law which would take from the

-The Lumberman's Pretective association of Pennsylvania.composed of men prominent in the lumbering interests of the State, will hold their semi-annual meeting in Bloomsburg in July.

-Plans for the proposed annex to the Blair county court house, at a cost of about \$100 .-000, have been completed by architect W. L. Plack, and have been approved by the coun ty commissioners.

-Martha Dick, a 16-year-old daughter of George Dick, of Clear Spring, York county, with the exclamation. "I can't see !" was suddenly stricken blind at her studies at the Shippensburg Normal school.

-The annual contribution of the teachers and scholars of the county for the benefit of the Lock Haven hospital, which was made just before the holiday vacation was very gratifying, the sum amounting to nearly \$140.

-The Western Union has established telegraph offices along the line of the Curwensville & Bower railroad and beyond, taking in Lumber City, Curry Run, Mahaffey, Burnside and other towns in that section of Clearfield county.

-The Berwind-White coal mining company has practically closed a deal with the Stineman coal and coke company, of South Fork, to purchase its extensive mining operations at that place. The consideration approximates \$1,000,000.

-Ex-Judge Cyrus Gordon, of Clearfield, has been appointed counsel for the State dairy and pure food department to succeed Charles B. Witmer, Esq., of Sunbury, whe was promoted to special counsel in the Auditor General's department.

sons in each county, who are to be selected -Just when he was about to give in by the people for five years, and who are evidence as a star witness in the case of to have all the discretion now lodged in Wagner vs. Spangler, at Gettysburg, on Saturday, David Gulden was stricken dumb There are no redeeming features about this proposition. It is intended solely to give the political machine of the State enwith paralysis of the throat. The case was continued until the next term of court. tire control of the liquor business, and to make it rich with power and money. The objections which have been made against

-On Sunday Pine street M. E. church at Williamsport solicited the annual missionary collection and \$1,600 was subscribed. This is an unusually large collection for missions and with the \$600 raised by the Sunday school during the conference year makes a grand total of \$2,200 for Pine street.

-Clearfield and Curwensville will have an lectric road in the near future in which Clearfield capital is largely interested. The company also contemplates extending their coad from Clearfield to Philipsburg. thus connecting these three towns. The work of grading, etc., may begin early in the spring. Hyde City will also be touched by this line.

-D. W. Vandyke, of Nelson, Tioga coun-

mortally offended.

has stolen all his ammunition-lock, stock and barrel, just like BLAINE appropriated onr limited free-trade propositions some years ago and called them reciprocity.

-Mrs. RICHARDS, in her scientific cookbook, says: "Modern woman is wasting her time in cooking and like drudgery." Possibly she is, but Mrs. RICHARDS will any corroborative evidence from the modern man

--- What is troubling Republican statesmen just at this particular time is to er to regulate the price we shall pay for the penalty of dereliction. determine whether the Democracy have gas, electric light, bridge and pike toll, agcaptured President RoosEVELT, or wheth- ricultural implements, coal or any article, river is a matter entirely local to Philadeler his effort to prevent rebates by railroads is only an attempt to appropriate Democratic thunder.

-That French doctor who declared that there could be no harm in kissing did the osculatory world a great service, but then he went and spoiled it all by suggesting kissing as a cure for dyspepsia. Who would want to run around kissing every sour visaged old dyspeptic he met.

-The Sapreme court sat down rather hard on the defense in the GREEN and DILLEN case. To say that their reasons for a new trial were "frivolous" would have been bad enough from a lay mind. but coming from the highest tribuoal of the State it is, to say the least, quite uncomplimentary.

-What is the use of spending so much money for speed in our naval vessels, if their armament has to be sacrificed in order to accomplish it? There would be little sense in having vessels fast enough to overhaul those of any other navy if they would have to turn tail immediately upon accomplishing the feat.

-Gen. KUROPATKIN'S victory over the Japanese on Saturday was a great victory, to be sure, but the General was just a little mixed in his report of it because the vic tors were the Japanese instead of the Russians. Of course, he is to be pardoned for the slight error, because it is so much easier to win victories by telegraph than by ballets.

-In New England the working man has always been credited with doubt as to where his share of the tariff comes in. Were he to take up the last census report find it to be \$300.94 annually; while those \$456.87 annually. This would leave no room for doubt. It would make him perthe tariff-making party.

freight that could be charged while passed right.

commodity or convenience manufactured, phia. It is said that the effect will be a sold or furnished by a corporate company. considerable increase of the commerce of Is there any visionary anywhere wild the city. If that be true it is the business enough to imagine that such a condition of of the city to pay whatever proportion of

ple or in accord with the spirit and intent sume. The people of the State have no inof our form of government.

Roosvelt's Philadelphia Speech.

League anniversary in Philadelphia, on the people of this will not be lessened. In Monday night, was a candid, complete other words the advantage of the improveand fairly forceful exposition of his scheme ment will go to Philadelphia and therefore to put railroads under control of the Fed- the people of Philadelphia should pay for eral government. The brief reference to it. That is reasonable. the subject in his annual message left a The people of Philadelphia contribute good deal with respect to his purpose to conjecture. The Philadelphia speech the maintenance of the most iniquitons clears away the uncertainties, however, political machine which was ever organized and shows that he really desires to exer. in any civilized community. It gives francise absolute control.

have the constitution amended to compase finance of that city cheerfully pay the the purpose.

that if the desired changes are not made pay some of that money for the improvecautiously they may come violently; that ment of the Delaware. Thus appropriated if reforms are not effected by friends they and used it will do no harm. As it is used may be forced by enemies. But the Phila- now it works infamous results. delphia Union Leaguers who have been buying legislation and controlling elections by fraud, for years, are not likely to besome alarmed at the mild admonition of a amusing spectacle of himself during the

luxurious special trains. The President is entirely right in his who has an old-fashioned respect for the opposition to discrimination in freight constitution as well as his oath of office, rates through the paying of rebates or introduced a resolution asking the Presiand figure out the average wage received otherwise. It is an evil which works the dent to send to the Senate, "if not incomby meh in protected industries he would destruction of competition first and ulti- patchle with public interests," the corresmately of prosperity. But even in his pondence relating to the San Domingo afin the unprotected industries average Philadelphia speech he doesn't hint at the fair, and incidentally suggesting that there real remedy which is both expedient and is no constitutional warrant for his action in constitutional. The penalizing of the act the matter. Senator SPOONER declared such tain that the tariff enabled his employer to is the sure cure but the President doesn't a resolution an insult to the President, a pocket \$155.93 that he should have receiv- even allude to it. In fact, he substantially great outrage and nothing less than scaned in wages. And the sad part of it all is: declares against it for he proposes fines dalons, This same working man usually votes with for the offending corporations rather than imprisonment for the criminal officials.

improvement of the Delaware river. The ing through States other than those from reason given for such an appropriation is which the corporation obtained its charter- that Congress refuses to make an appropriation or such work unless the State re-

But to go to the extreme of holding that | yeals sufficient interest in the matter to Congress can interfere with or regulate the contribute part of the expense. That is not business of a corporation within the State a good reason to begin with. Congress has that gave it birth is simply to place every not made such conditions in other cases and corporate interest, no matter how small, or if Philadelphia were properly represented never be able to prove her statement with how local within the power of the Federal in Congress there would be no discriminagovernment to do with as it pleases. It tion against that city. Philadelphia elects would be giving to Maine and to Florida, machine men with neither intelligence nor to California and to Washington the pow- influence to represent her and should pay

> Besides the improvement of the Delaware affairs could be either beneficial to the peo- the expense which Congress refuses to asterest in the matter. If the Delaware river is improved to the full measure of the hopes of the business men of the city the The President's speech at the Union expense of products sold from that city to

> every year more than a million dollars for chises of vast value gratuitously to favorite In fact he says, if necessary, he would political manipulators. The captains of enormous sums necessary to poll 80,000 We have no idea, however, that the fraudulent votes every year in order to de-President's speech in Philadelphia will in feat the will of the people of the State as the least measure promote his plans. He expressed at the ballot box. If they want hinted that there is danger in delay and to increase their foreign commerce let them

Asinine Senator Spooner.

Senator SPOONER, of Wisconsin, made an

gentleman who is particularly fond of session of one of the Senate committees the other day. Senator BACON, of Georgia,

Bill Which will be Defeated.

insult.

It may be safely predicted that the bill introduced in the Senate by Mr. GoD-CHARLES, of Northumberland county and in the House by Representative SNYDER, of Schuylkill, to create excise to the state of Schuylkill, to create excise boards to "pincher" and will achieve its purpose without ever getting into position to work harm. The organization of a liquor dealers' association with a lobby attachment, was an invitation to the legislative roosters to present such measures. The liquor dealers want excise boards because it would make things comparatively easy for

them. They are usually able and willing to pay for what they want. The advocates of law and order are opposed to the boards and they are sometimes willing; to pay legitimate expenses for the kind of legis-

lation they want. The indications are that the liquor dealgoing" this year. That is to say they will be pinched for the purpose of securing intention of passing it and only a nominal

ecution While it is stated that it would not apply to the counties of Philadelphia and Allegheny, such an exception would not last long, and these counties would also soon be brought under its operations. The people of the whole State should take prompt steps to make known their opposition to the proposed act and to all others whose object is to make our liquor laws worse, instead of better, than they are at present. The fact that the proposed law is to be fathered by lieutenants of Senator Penrose recalls the statement of the latter that there was to be no jobbery at this session of the Legislature, and makes pertinent the inquiry whether these men are supposed to be trying to make that statement a mockery or not.

So far as the regulation of railway rates concerned Mr. Roosevelt's most enthusiastic supporters in Congress are Democrats. John Sharp Williams, following the leadership of Mr. Bryan, has pledged the House minority to "toe-mark" the Presi-House minority to "toe-mark" the Presi-dent's footsteps. He is appealing to the Re-publicans "as fellow citizens to help us toe-mark.'

Mr. Bryan is elated over Mr. Roosevelt's railroad measures. "There is a reform element in the Republican party as well as a plutocratic element," he says, "and this reform element is now marshaling behind the President.'

While Democratic support of the Presi dent's rate recommendations has become effusive, the President's own party is exercising a good deal of self control. It is not so enthusiastic. To be sure, the western Senators and Representatives have heard the unmistakable demands of their constituents. Hepburn has finally tinkered up a bill that is much more moderate than the one the President asked for. The "railroad group" in the Senate is playing for delay

publican leaders there would be no rate legislation. But a new Administration party seems to be forming in Congress composed of Democrats and radical Repub licans. Will the conservative Republican element be able to resist this new force?

Where it Could Have been Used to Better Advantage.

From the Lincoln (Neb.,) Commoner. According to government statistics the

close of the year 1902 saw the completion of law and order are opposed to the boards for the reason that the dealers want them, 9,500,000 acres of land. The Boston Herald has made some interesting comparisons. It finds that the irrigation enterprises cost \$93,320,452 and made 134,000 farms profitable. The money spent by Uncle Sam on his navy in 1904 would have paid the eners are going to be worked "coming and tire cost of all these irrigation systems and left a balance of \$9,500,000. According to the government statistics the amount spent on the navy would have irrigated legislation they want, notably the excise and made profitable an area greater than boards and to defeat legislation they don't the combined States of Maryland and Conwant such as a local option bill. It is the diana. Every dollar spent on irrigation talk of the lobby that they have already has added to the material wealth of the "given up" for the excise bill. That was nation. The money spent on the navy did comparatively easy for there never was any not increase the general wealth of country a penny. The farmer who is an advocate of the "big stick" policy or is According to the reports of the incident sum was exacted. But with the local op- blinded by the "world power" glitter, return is by a Bradford county man, who the committee was about to adopt the reso- tion law it is different. They will be should do a little more earnest thinking.

ty, recently sold his 1904 crop of tobacco to New York city buyer for 13 cents per pound in the bundle. Mr. Vandyke's crop of 7,200 pounds was raised on four acres of land, adjoining land of E. R. Cupp, whose crop of 5.400 pounds, raised on the same amount of land was recently sold to a New York buyer for 13 cents per pound.

-Professor C. E. McCloskey, of Dickinson Seminary, Williamsport, has been placed at the head of the institution for the balance of the school year. This action was taken by the board of directors of the institution last Friday. Professor McCloskey had virtually been in charge of affairs at the institution since Dr. Gray's illness became acute, and he is thoroughly familiar with them, as well as fully capable.

-When John P. Roberts slipped and fell down a 300-foot slope at Black Ridge, near Hazleton, he went bounding over like a ball. Half way down Michael Cunningham saw Roberts coming. He braced himself and caught the human ball. Canningham was hurled against a pillar and severely injured. Roberts was not burt. Had he fallen to the bottom of the slope he would have been killed.

-According to the Honesdale Herald, Wayne county is a good place to rear old folks. Among the centenarians it mentions who were residents of that county are Sally Watson, whose death occurred January 3rd, 1905. at 101 years : "Granny" Benjamin, who died at Pleasant Mount at 113 ; Abram Johnson, of Salem, who died at 108, and Prudence Lakin, daughter of Josiah Parks, the first settler of Equinunk, who died at the age of

-Quietly, but carefully, the coal miners and operators in the Central Pennsylvania bituminous coal fields have organized for a fight to a finish over the question of wages at the approaching conference to be held in Altoona on the 17th of March, whereat will be considered the matter of a new scale to be operative for one year from the 1st of April following. Unless the attitude of one side or the other shall change between now and the date of the conference, a strike involving many thousands

of men is deemed almost a certainty by those in a position to know what is going on. -Fish Commissioner W. E. Meehan in a bulletin on the eel fishing industry of the State says that out of 316 persons holding

licenses 99 reported a total of eels taken as 99,955, their weight being 45,982 pounds. The price varied from three cents to fifteen cents a pound and the total value of the catch was \$5,131. As the number of reports cover about a little less than one-third of the licenses it is fair to say, the report affirms, that the catch of eels was 300,000 and the total weight about 150,000 pounds, the value of which would be a little over \$15,000. The largest catches were reported from Lycoming county, 7,000 eels weighing 2,000 pounds; and by a Dauphin county man who caught 9.876 eels weighing only 2.551 pounds and a a Lancaster man who caught 8,000 eels that weighed 1,928 pounds. The largest pecuniary sold his eels tor \$375.

The New Inauguration Party.