Aemocratic Matchman BY P. GRAY MEEK.

Ink Slings. -Good morning! It will likely be hot enough for you today. -Few of us will be around when the old Academy celebrates her next centennial. -New York found out last week that she wasn't too great to get water in her ellar.

-The new rule for workers in the municinal service in Philadelphia is that they must be there with the goods.

-Japan would do well in asking to see the color of the coin before getting too deep in peace terms complications.

-Mr. PAUL MORTON isn't the kind of a man that the Equitable needs to restore faith in the honesty of its operations.

-If GROVER CLEVELAND is to take on the EQUITABLE's troubles who is going to keep the sea from getting too full of fish.

-A Williamsport man has succeeded in propogating a stingless bee. It is to be hoped that the result will not be sweetless honey.oitt od

-If Norway really needs a King and can't find anyone else probably Mr. FRANK W. WARING, of Tyrone, would accept the

-Let us hold up this soldier's monumen and PRUNER orphanage fuss until fall. It is getting entirely too warm to be agitated by other things.

-Mr. SCHWAB is anxious to form another steel trust, which is a tacit admission on CHARLEY'S part that he hasn't been There will be a stenographer, a typewriter getting his lately.

-Washington policemen have been ordered to keep their helmets on straight. Such an order would not be necessary with wowen on the force.

-Seventeen year locusts are abroad in the country again, just as they have been every spring during the seventeen years most recently passed.

-Mt. Pelee can't make another sensation so she might as well stop trying to erupt. Martinique is no more, consequently Pelee threatens no one.

-There are many differences between time and eternity. Principal among them you might have to do it in a worse place than jail.

-Congratulations, Mr. JAMES R. HUGHES. The Bellefonte Academy celebrates its centennary today as an institution of which we are all proud and to you, more than any other man, is due the honor of having made it what it is.

-The general Synod of the Reformed church in session at Asbury Park, recently,



Improved Railroad Service.

The improvement in railroading is so rapid that contemplation of it makes one dizzy. Last Sunday the Pennsylvania Mr. HYDE, respectively president and vice railroad inaugurated a service between New president of the Equitable society, who have York and Chicago which for speed beats the world. At 2:55 p. m., of that day, a train left New York scheduled to arrive in Chicago at 8:55 on Monday morning, the into the management of the concern Mr. distance being 913 miles and the time pre- PAUL MORTON, who as vice president of cisely eighteen hours. The result was achieved with the greatest ease. In fact tion of law to the Colorado Fuel and Iron the run was so leisurely that there is talk company of which he was also vice presiof reducing the time to fifteen hours and dent. An investigation having revealed we shall not be surprised if such a schedule the facts Mr. MORTON was virtually comisn't published within a month, and prac- pelled to resign from the President's cabiticed every day.

complishing everything that is agreeable in dence in the Equitable by putting him at the matter of railroad service. The Lake the head of its affairs. Shore road which runs lengthwise through next Sunday which will cover the distance between the points in precisely the same time though the distance is about seventy miles greater. But speed is not the only attraction of this Lake Shore service. and a valet for men and maid for women and the passengers can have a shave, a bath and a man can have creases ironed into his trousers while he is speeding over the line at the rate of a mile a minute or

less. Of course the Lake Shore road will enjoy the distinction of rendering this unique service exclusively for only a brief period. In other words, it may be predicted that before long all the accessories of comfortable travel which is thus scheduled for that line will be offered by the Pennsylvania and the stenographer will be better, the type writer bandsomer and the creaser more skillful. The bath is nothing new of course are the facts that you do one in jail and the and the barber has been a feature of first other in-well, unless you are real good class train service this long time. And these improvements are exceedingly gratifying. But if the railroads would strive to excel in the cheapness as well as the excellence of their service they would more nearly meet the needs of some of us old fellows who have more time and less money than the millionaires.

> The Venezacia Comedy. The funniest comedy of recent political

ly the same thing in another line of business.

In other words, Mr. ALEXANDER and been manipulating the funds of that organization to promote their personal interests and being caught in the act have called the Santa Fe railroad, paid rebates in violanet but ALEXANDER and Hype think they But the Pennsylvania railroad isn't ac- can fool the people into bestowing coufi-

The truth of the matter is that putting New York State proposes to put a train on PAUL MORTON at the head of the Equitable society is simply insulting the intelligence and outraging the conscience of the country. That it was done to deceive is obvious, moreover, for Mr. Hype's stock in the corporation of the par value of \$101,-000 was "taken over" by a syndicate operating with MORTON at a valuation of \$4,000, 000, though under the law it can't earn more than seven per cent. and wonldn't yield the amount said to have been paid for it in a thousand years. If there were no intention to manipulate it no such price would have been paid for it.

A Menacing Sign of Weakness,

We are not strengthened in confidence of the ultimate success of the reform movement in Philadelphia by Mayor WEAVER'S appointment of an advisory board. The gentlemen whom he has selected for this service are admirable, beyond question. They are conspicuous in the business and social life of the community and distinguished for civic righteousness. But they are all theorists in politics and the chances are that they never will agree on any subject and after the first meeting or two election this year and next and after that they will not only decline to meet but personal registration will make better eleceach will blame the other for failure and tions all the time. they will all cordially agree that Mayor

mental problems. We were almost in-

Honest Election Promised

The purging of the registry lists in Philadelphia gives promise of a reasonably fair election next fall, which will guarantee a marvelous change in the result. Eighty thousand fraudulent votes will be taken from the total of the Republican poli and though it will leave a Republican majority it will not be so overwhelming as to make the result in the State whatever the machine desires. Eighty thousand added to a considerable majority not only determine the result in the State but creates a unanimous delegation in Congress, senatorial and legislative delegations and robs the minority representation in councils.

There has not been an bonestly elected state official in Pennsylvania for a dozen years. It 1898 WILLIAM A. STONE was defeated for Governor by a substantial majority but was counted in in Philadelphia, Pittsburg and other cities where fraudulent votes were cast. PENNY-PACKER would have been defeated, likewise, if the election had been honest. No doubt ROOSEVELT would have carried the State by a large majority even if the election had been scrupulously honest. There were influences at work in his behalf that were both unusual and surprising and the

bogus votes cast last year than ever before. But they didn't change the result either on the presidential ticket or for state candidates. There might have been two or three more Democratic Senators elected and possibly fifty more Democratic Representatives in the Legislature if the vote had been honest, and the changes would have altered the character of the legislation

and promoted political and official morality. But we hope for a reasonably honest

Peace in the Far East.

There appears to be a reasonable ground for the hope of peace in the far East. At What Pennsylvania Republicans Have Been Supporting.

From the Pittsburg Times, (Rep.) The 254 members of the Pennsylvania Legislature, for a period almost beyond the memory of this generation, have been prac-tically the abject tools of a self-constituted little coterie of bosses. They have not been free agents. They have been largely been free agents. They have been largely mere puppets, and the puppets of an organ-ization devoid often of conscience, honor and honesty. What a picture this is! Hon-est, patriotic, self-respecting citizens all over the State go to the polls and elect men to the Lexislature where the March 1 over the State go to the poils and electrical to the Legislature who go to Harrisburg and vote just as they are "told to vote." They are puppets, pulled by strings held in the hands of a few so-called leaders.

What has been the result? Mis-govern-ment, corruption, fraud, extravagance, graft and scandal. The paid employee of the bosses walk along the aisles and order the bosses walk along the alsies and order —not request, but order—the representa-tives of the people bow to vote. There is no pretext of consideration of public ques-tions. It is merely a question of orders. Sad as it is to say it, there is no longer even a semblance of popular government in Pennsylvania.

The presiding officers of both ho elected, not by the members, but by the bosses. The committees are named by the bosses. No bill, no matter how comparatively unimportant, can be passed unless countersigned by the bosses. If there are differences between the two houses over the provisions of a measure, the bosses name were both unusual and surprising and the vote for him carried the other candidates on the ticket through. But it was the only election in recent years carried by a Republican by legal votes. We would not be understood as declar-ing that there were no fraudulent votes cast last fall. On the contrary there were more

How long will Pennsylvania and Penn-sylvanians stand this? How long is popu-lar government to be thus made a farce in the Keystone State?

An Outside Opinion of a Pennsylvania. Official

From Collier's Weekly. The Mayor of Philadelphia and the Governor of Pennsylvania offer somewhat instructive contrasts at present. Mayor Weaver is a weak-kneed human being, who Mayor bas, however, been spurred into a contest with the machine which oreated him. Oblivious to prayer, he was driven by fury in the populace. The Governor is made of sterner stuff. No backsliding for him. To Quay be owed his existence, and to the to gag the press, he adds a little laurel to All the bodies have now been recovered.

Spawls from the Keystone.

-DuBois has a new garment factory among her growing industries.

-Johnstown is to have seven sub-postal stations beginning July 1st.

-Westmoreland county farmers are troubled with a plague of canker worms.

-In the last two weeks the orphan's court clerk of Clearfield county granted sixtyseven marriage licenses

-DuBois has a litile girl 9 years of age, who has attended school three years without missing one day or being late once.

-The Odd Fellows, who have 1,000 local members, celebrated Memorial day at Shamokin, Sunday, in honor of their dead brethren.

-Thomas Reighard, a Newberry citizen, caught a trout in Lycoming creek last Tuesday which was twenty-four inches long and weighed four pounds.

-Rev. Jacob F. Shearer, of Somerset, has been appointed a deputy factory inspector by State-Inspector Delaney, vice W. Scott Mullin, of Bedford, resigned.

-Wabash agents have been busy in Indiana ounty the past ten days buying right of way from Indiana to Leechburg. Traffic from 40,000 acres of coal land is involved.

-James P. Kennedy, the Westmoreland county man convicted of the murder of Howard W. Ebner, of New Kensington, has been sent to the western penitentiary for ten years.

-Cap't. Thomas E. Clark put ten thousand salmon in the river at Clearfield last week. They were furnished him by the United States government and sent from St. Vincent. N. Y.

-The Lykens Valley vein, the richest in the anthracite coal region, was discovered at the Philadelphia and Reading Coal and Iron company's field last week and will be opened up at once.

-William Ulrich, aged 52 years, watchman at the Dauphin county almshouse, was drown ed in a small stream near Harrisburg Thursday afternoon by the capsizing of a boat from which he was fishing.

-The exercises incideut to the annual ommencement of Juniata College, Huntingdon, will be held next week, beginning with the delivering of the baccalaureate sermon on Sunday evening by the Rev. I. Harvey Brumbaugh.

-A bolt of lightning from a clear sky Tuesday struck the barn on the George Painter farm, three miles south of Irwin. John Gongaware, a farm hand, was in the building and was burned about the arms and hands. The building was destroyed. The loss is about \$10.000.

-The executive committee of the Pennsylvania State Grange has selected Sunbury as the place for the next annual meeting, which will be held December 12th-15th. C. H. Dildine, a member of the executive committee, was recently in Sunbury making the preliminary arrangements for the yearly gathering.

-The body of Michael Boylan was found in the Locust Gap mine, near Shamokin, last Thursday. He was smothered one year ago by a fire which yet rages in these undermachine and memory of Quay he will be ground workings. Four other miners lost faithful. Immortal as the man who failed their lives at the time Boylan was killed. ground workings. Four other miners lost

WEAVER is a humbug. In the first place men who are without authority rarely are of much use in govern-

ROOSEVELT calling him "the peace maker of the world." It didn't ask him to break "the big stick" however.

-Now if those ninety-six young men who graduated from State College this week will only be able to put in practice day they ought to be able to make their future a certain success.

-----The card which Mr. D. A. GROVE, a recent candidate for Commissioner before the Democratic county convention, publishes in this issue has the true ring. A gentleman who can take defeat in such a spirit will certainly not have occasion for suffering many of them.

-Jamaica is said to be growing tired of being an English dependency and is commencing to make coquettish eyes at your uncle SAMUEL. Of course she doesn't mention that little grant of \$50,000 a year she would like to have as a consideration of the change of papas.

-The health officer of Sioux City, Iowa, thinks that women's skirts ought to be abolished because they sweep the sidewalks and stir up too much dust. Is this the beginning of the last stage in the ascendancy of woman? In every field of work they have become our keenest competitors, now let us pray to the Merciful Lord to save our pants from appropriation.

-Those new fifteen hour trains between New York and Chicago are marvels of engineering skill and speed but let one of them run off the track just once and the passengers who had been thinking the rate of over a mile a minute fast will discover. that they will make the trip of millions of miles to either one or the other of the two the Venezuela government and various citistations of eternity in far less than one minute.

-A new gold mining boom has been started, with Nevada as the scene of operations. It is said five millions of dollars has changed hands within a week in deals for mining claims in Nevada. Senators CLARK. of Montana, and KEARNS, of Utab, are active in the promotion of the new El Dorado. Well, the production of gold must be kept up. Uncle SAM needs it in his business.

-Presently the question of the recognition of Norway as an independent state will present a new difficulty to the State Department at Washington. Sweden resists the secession of Norway and war between the two countries may ensue. It is said that Germany and Russia are taking had forfeited public confidence. Frenzied sides with Sweden and will bring diplomacy finance consists mostly of juggling other to bear to induce the United States to stand with them against Norwegian independence. This question may prove a more men who have been indulging in such opdifficult one to diplomatists than the opensia and Japan.

Washington is the alleged investiga tion of the dispute between Assistant Secretary of State LOOMIS and former United States Minister to Venezuela, Mr. HERBERT

BOWEN. The obvious purpose of this investigation is to whitewash Mr. LOOMIS and the sinuous lines that have been drawn half the good advice they got on Wednes- in pursuit of this result are the marvel of the period. Secretary of War TAFT has charge of the operation and he has a mighty hard job on his hands. The evidence is on the other side and his efforts to contort or construe it to suit would make a thin man sweat and TAFT is anything else. The principal reason that the sympathies

of the administration are with Loomis in this case is that BOWEN is the accuser. It may have been noticed that ROOSEVELT is invariably against the fellow who tells. Whether this is a sentimental quality acquired while in school or a development of recent years the result of a feeling that it's not safe to provoke inquiry, may never be known. It is a fact, however, that Roose-VELT is always against the fellow who makes charges.

In the case in point BOWEN, who succeeded LOOMIS as Minister to Venezuela, reported on the authority of the President of Venezuela that LOOMIS while Minister held commercial relations with the asphalt trust Dess. and supported the charge by the assertion

that the trust had given him \$10,000 and that the President of Venezuela holds the cancelled oheck as evidence of the fact. Of course Loomis denied any commerce with the asphalt trust though he admitted that he had recommended the administration at Washington to declare war against Venezuela because that country refused to allow the trust to violate its contracts with zens of that poverty stricken Republic. He also d enied the money transaction until the check was produced and then declared that

the trust check had been given to him merely in exchange for his own check which he had given the trust as an accommodation. Altogether the administration is going to have a tough time to vindicate LOOMIS, but it is equal to the emergency.

More Frenzied Finance.

The managers of the Equitable Assurance Society of New York appear to have a queer notion of popular patience. Because of their indulgence in what TOM LAWSON calls "frenzied finance." that corporation with its vast business and vaster surplus people's money so as to evade the law and thing to fuss with. escape just punishment. Then the gentle-

-What our Independent Republican erations imagine they can square themfriends want now is a little less wind. ing of negotiations for peace between Rus- selves with the public by calling into their about what can be done and a little more councils a man who has been doing precise- work about what they propose to do.

clined to add that men who serve without the earnest request of President Room compensation are as a rule worth little if any more than they receive, but we are restrained by the high character and immense wealth of the gentlemen who have EB's advisers. They don't need any pay and they are unquestionably able in business affairs. But suppose they are willing to work for nothing and give their best physical and mental energies to the task? When they disagree among themselves or having agreed suggest something that Mayor WEAVER can't adopt, they are certain to go off in a sulk. Then what's the result? The Mayor

who never had a very stiff backbone naturally falls back upon the theory that he has not been supported in his reform purposes by the substantial citizens and the bottom drops out of the whole movement. As a matter of fact the strength of an administration reform movement is not in the diffusion but in the concentration of authority. If the Philadelphia reform movement succeeds it will be because the Mayor has the authority to put the machine managers out of business and has the courage to exercise his authority. This advisory board is a menacing sign of weak-

-A tub race, a boat race, a sack race and a potato race, a horse race and a foot race, a base ball game and a trap short, band music during the day and dance music at night are only some of the features of the Logan picnic to be held uext Thursday. The ball game alone, between a team of the Logans and one of the Undines, will be well worth going to see; so if you want a good day's amusement go to Hecla park on the 22nd.

or more of the Bellefonte Academy centennial souvenirs, you had better do so at once. Either the medal, the badge or the program are well worth preserving and cheap at the price asked. If you are an old student you will want these souvenirs as mementoes of this occasion.

-Now that State College commence. ment and the Bellefonte Academy centennial is over the only excitement we can look forward to is the meeting of the State Fisheries commission here next week.

-It will be ample time for Demoorats to consider the matter of fussing with the Independent Republicans when they show an organization that controls some-

terms of settlement of their differences. Such negotiations would occupy been called upon to act as Mayor WEAV. considerable time, no doubt, and involve a good deal of diplomatic labor, but in the event of an armistice pending the deliberations that wouldn't matter much. The expense of maintaining armies on a war footing even though inactive, would be considerable of course, but the loss of human life would be discontinued at once and after all that is the most important thing to consider. No intimation has been given of the

terms upon which Japan will consent to cease hostilities, but it may be assumed that they won't be overly severe. The generous treatment of General STORSSEL after the surrender of Port Arthur and of ROJESTVENSKY after the disaster in the Japan sea indicates that the Japs are as magnanimous as they are courageous. Of course the Russians will be obliged to give up all pretentions to sovereignty in Manchuria. But they never had any just claim to control there and they ought to have given it up before there was a shot fired. In that event there would have been no war.

Japan will be entitled to a pecuniary indemnity for the expense of the war and in fixing the amount she will be governed entirely by her own impulses. That is to say, no outsider, president or potentate would have the temerity to even suggest a basis of figuring out what amount ought to be paid. But Japan may safely be trusted to dispose of that question justly. Russia will emerge from the conflict very poor indeed. She will not only have exhausted her present resources but mortgaged her

credit about to the limit. That being the case it may be predicted that the terms of peace will be surprisingly liberal and ought to be promptly accepted

-There has been considerable discussion the past week as to the advisability of erecting the soldier's monument on the location in the yard in front of the court

as to that being the most desirable place for it. The court house officials, while not openly denouncing the location, would is that of an aggressive thinker. He is not

the court house yard it will obstruct the view from the court house as well as of it. It will necessitate cutting up that one delightful spot in the heart of the town and will place the monument so close to the street that it will all the time be covered with dust and thus become unsightly.

-----The Pruner orphanage, the soldier's monument and the race bridge all took a rest this week, presumably on account of the College commencement and the Acad-emy centennial.

000 of the people's money in celebration of Quay, at the same time vetoing a small ap-VELT both the Czar of Russia and the propriation for Molly Pitcher, whose gal-lant little share in the Revolution is at Emperor of Japan have consented to east a picturesque trifle in our history. Governor Pennypacker, in big things and little, has made a failure of his job. Mayor Weaver was sent by Providence into the world without much strength of spinal structure, but by taking the right side in a flagrant crisis he has at least done something to redeem himself, and incidentally his city and his State. Such reckless theft as Philadelphia lawyers, business men and politicians combine to perpetrate sends the feeling for municipal ownership forward in enormous strides.

> It is Coming. From the Springfield Republican.

Further evidence of the abuses of monor olistic business comes from Portland Oregon, where the street railway com Oregon, where the street railway com-pany is planning to capitalize its proper-ties, said to be worth about \$2,000,000 ex-clusive of franchises, at \$6,000,000, and then sell out the whole concern at about the latter figure. The Portland Ore-gonian, which has been about the last paper in the country one would expect to find public ownership talk in, now comes out with just this sort of agitation against the possibility that the inflation steal will be carried through. It warns the approval of the Oregonian, if the present scheme of inflation and sale is carried ont. We may next find even the New York World or the New York Times advocating ownership.

The Kind of a Man Needed.

From the Johnstown Democrat. The democratic Democrat. The democratic Democrats have in Mr. Berry, their candidate for treasurer, a man worth working for—and this is not said in any disparagement of Mr. Head, because his future is already assured; it isn't worth while to work for him, because he cannot fail to be elected. But in the case of Mr. Berry there is not only the occasion for effort; there is every reason, in the quality of the man and in the need of the party house, and there is much adverse oriticism and of the State for leadership such as his. for the best work that can be put forth in his behalf. Mr. Berry is a man of genuine not openly denouncing the location, would much prefer having it in the park between the court house and the jail. If erected in the court house yard it will obstruct the view from the court house as well as of it. It will necessitate outting up that one delightful spot in the heart of the town

-That was a very thrilling cave story published in the Centre Reporter last week; only the writer forgot to tell the public how a good sized man was able to crawl down a rope in a well that was drilled and have room enough to look around and see lain, Rev. Dr. John Sayres, Chester; headthe sides caving in.

-Governor Pennypacker last Thursday appointed Judge John Stewart, of Chambersburg, to the State Supreme court vacancy created by the recent death of Justice John Dean, of Hollidaysburg, until the first Monday of next January, when he will be recommissioned for the full term of 21 years, if he shall be elected in November.

-A cablegram from Rome says the Pope received Saturday in private audience the Rt. Rev. E. A. Garvey, Bishop of Altoona, who presented to the Pope \$3,500 in Peter's pence. The Pope thanked Bishop Garvey in the warmest manner and had him sit beside him. Bishop Garvey told the Pope that efforts were being made to introduce Italian clergy into his diocese to labor among the Italians.

-The Japanese government has placed with the Pressed Steel Car company of Philadelphia, an order for 900 box cars for early delivery. This is supplementary to the 1,000 box and gondola cars placed several days ago with the Middletown Car company and the Milton and Berwick plants of the American Car and Foundry company. The cars to be built by the Pressed Ste el Car company will be 31 foot gauge, fifteen feet long and will have a carrying capacity of seven

-While Spangler's circus was giving a performance in Williamsburg, Blair county, Friday night several sections of the seats collapsed, due to overcrowding and two persons were fatally injured while a score or more were hurt. The crowd, believing that the accident was due to carelessness on the part of the management, attacked the show people and a general row followed in which quite a number were badly used up. The proprietor escaped injury by taking refuge in a nearby house.

-In addition to a letter expressive of appreciation of the aid and succor given to the injured, and care bestowed upon the dead in the South Harrisburg wreck of May 11th by the people of Harrisburg, the Pennsylvania Railroad company has donated \$10,-000 to the Harrisburg hospital. The donation was given to the hospital without any restrictions as to its use, that being left entirely to its board of managers, and was accompanied with a letter from W. W. Atterbury, general manager, telling of the deep gratitude of the company.

-The Pennsylvania State encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic closed at Reading, last Thursday, after having selected Altoona as the place of meeting next year. These newly elected officers were installed : Department commander, J. Andrew Wilt, of Towanda; senior vice commander. Andrew Lee, of Hazleton; junior vice commander, William Green, of Philadelphia; assistant adjutant, Charles A. Saydam, Philalelphia; assistant quartermaster general, John L. Grim, Philadelphia: department inspector, Alexander F. Nicholas, Philadel-phia; judge advocate, D. J. Horner, Somerset; shief mustering officer, Charles O. mith, Pittsburg; medical director, Albert M. Smith, Beaver Springs, department chapquarters clerk, John N. Reber, Philadelphia,