BY P. GRAY MEEK. ink Slings.

-Captain Casto should certainly have a tablet in the hall of fame.

-Telephone wars are not disastrous be cause they are nearly all talk.

-If they vote for the proposed legislative apportionment bill either Mr. NOLL or Mr. WOMELSDORF will be voting himself out of a seat.

-A few good, sensible women on the Bellefonte school board would be a novelty, indeed, but one that might prove very beneficial to the schools.

-In flaming head lines the Gazette, this week, says "Judge Love For Congress." Of course the article following them exactly of the present Legislature, but of doesn't say so but it reads mighty like TOM HARTER for post-office.

both in the field for the Serate and the new district to be made up of Clearfield and Centre it is beginning to look as if there will be breakers ahead.

-Like LAWSON would say it : It is not ment is after, it is the system that makes practices such as be indulged in at the naval academy practically compulsory.

-Wednesday was FRANKLIN's birthday anniversary and it was celebrated in many parts of the country. When cousin PENNYPACKER is gone do you imagine anyone will be thinking about his birthday ?

-It is amusing to note the actions of those legislators in Harrisburg, who for the first time in their political lives bave been free from a boss' yoke. They act like sixteen year olds just out loose from their mother's apron strings.

-The councilman who could succeed in compelling the Penusylvania railroad company to do its yard shifting at some other point than back and forth across west High street would please a large portion of the and to the point Governor PENNYPACKER population of this town as well as conserve is entirely satisfied with the work of the the public safety.

-At the opening of the session of the Legislature in Harrisburg, on Monday, the the reform provement. chaplain prayed fervently that all the Members would become reformers indeed. W hile the prayers of the righteons are said to avail much it will not be a reflection on islation it has no equal in infamy. Among the chaplain if the people don't get what the bills passed were a number intended to they want from the body of men now as- promote vice and protect crime and there sembled in Harrisburg.

both parties on a candidate for burgess and State overturned the machine at the last -The Republican suggests a fusion of suggests a gentleman who would make an general election and defeated the ambieminently dignified and honorable official. tions of a member of the body in order to Governor is unjust to the public in not au-If the Democrats were to join in such a punish him and his associates for their thorizing that. movement would the Republican advocate fusion on Mr. JOHNSON or Mr. BARNHART who are seeking the offices of tax collector

-Rev. Dr. MADISON C. PETERS set New Yorkers to guessing on Sunday when he stated from his pulpit that the reason there is such a noticeable decrease in marriage there is because men are afraid to W. H. Runkle and his wife, Ada Runkle, marry the women who are becoming more of York, formerly of Centre Hall, and and more dissipated with each generation. It is a sad commentary and, sadder still, because we must own its truth.

burg, on Monday, and he didn't walk. now in her possession. JOHN had to give up good money to the Pennsy just like the rest of us have to now. but what of his colleague, WOMELSDORF? He didn't go by the Pennsy and the curious people are wondering why? He took a New York Central train towards Harrisburg and the New York Central does give

-In a Republican senatorial district, a Republian congressional district and with Congress as a door-way to the United States Senate cannot Centre county Republicanism develop a statesman who will bring the honor home and prove an honor to the State. Let us join the southern idea of training and developing statesmen, because unless we do we will never amount to anything in national affairs.

-Revivals are in progress in many parts of the county and while the laboring parsons worry about the souls that are seeking salvation the ladies mite societies are worrying about where the money to pay the extra coal and light bills is going to come from. Salvation is free, all right enough, but then there are a few little accessories that have to be settled for and they are what start the good sister's mind

-Dowle has turned out a false prophet indeed. He has been deposed as the leadwithout honor save in his own country." bum prophet.

the State \$250,000. In other words Penn- that which is vicious though expressed in sylvania will have to pay that sum for reform phrases. having undone what it had already paid for having done and -Mark the prediction! After the present session gets through everyone of the rascals will be throwing bouquets at himself for having done something that he has been paid twice for doing and then only did it to save his political neck. Perchance, there will be gillies in Pennsylvania to rally round such mock reformers and try to give them another



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Pennypacker Eulogizing Vice.

The marvelous egotism of Governor PENNYPACKER is revealed in his special message to the extra session of the Legislathe measures adopted by that body in pursuance of his own recommendations, "The -With WOMELSDORF and QUIGLEY legislation enacted at the last general session of the Legislature," he says, "deserves, as a whole, very high commenda-

tion. There was an absence," he added, "of those cornecations following the exploitation of crime and scandal which apcadet MERRIWEATHER that public senti- pear to be so pleasing to many unthinking people, and the attention of the legislators was, instead, directed toward measures looking toward the advancement of our life and to the substantial benefit of the community."

Having thus shown his absolute indifference to truth, morality and common decen-The failure to extend the right of eminent domain to private corporations which was defeated by his veto is highly commended. The dangerous and expensive State constabulary is referred to as a security against lynchings and the creation of a Health Department which vests in a commissioner infinitely more power over the citizens of the State than the Czar of Russia ever had is enthusiastically endorsed. To be brief has only called the special session to check

The record of the regular session of the Legislature is a long drawn out narrative of official iniquity. In the history of legcrimes. A man who can find it in his heart to commend such a record is himself bad men in public life in this State before but PENNYPACKER is easily the limit.

--- Some time age we made mention of the divorce proceedings pending between another chapter was added last week when Mr. Runkle began proceedings in equity to compel his wife to divide equally with -The Hon. JOHN NOLL left for Harris- him property valued at \$28,000, which is

For Genuine Reform

The Democrats in the Legislature will render generous assistance in any movement which aims to expedite genuine reforms and the legislation suggested by the Governor will be earnestly supported by their unanimous vote if the bills are worthy of such consideration. But they will not consent silently to the passage of hogus reforms. They not only have the intelligence to discern such faults in proposed legislation but they have the courage to denounce them. They are in Harrisburg not to fool the people but to benefit them. There is no false pretense in their attitude or their purpose.

Since the regular session the number of Democrats in the House of Representatives has been augmented by the election of four new members. This addition is due largely to the fidelity of the handful of earnest men who constituted the Democratic membership a year ago. The people feel that the representatives of that party more certainly conserve the public interests and if there had been more vacancies the increase in the force would have been greater. But after all it isn't so much a matter of numtoward thinking of apron bazaars and waffle bers as it is a question of courage and conscience. The meagre force can achieve

There are grave reasons to suspect that er of Zion because of his reckless extrava- the machine leaders in the Legislature ungance. His tour around the world cost his der the cloak of a false contrition intend to followers one million dollars and his futile enact reform measures which will fail of attempt to evangelize New York City add- reform. In that event it will be the duty ed half a million more to their burden of of the Democratic Senators and Represendebt. Dowie bad been a living exception tatives to introduce their own bills and adto the biblical saying: "A prophet is not here to them. Possibly the bogus bills will be passed notwithstanding such a but now even Zion has gone back on him course, but the people will not be fooled. and joins the world's opinion that he is a The Democrats will be sustained by public sentiment in insisting on just legisla--The extra session is estimated to cost tion even to the extent of voting against

> -Having recently sold The Mountaineer S. C. Watts, of Clearfield, has now started a new paper called The Signal, which he intends running on even more radical prohibition lines than was the

--- The Nittany Light, Heat and Powlege on January 8th.

"Swearing he'd ne'er consent," Govture. It is, in fact, a fulsome eulogy, not tra session of the Legislature. In other at a meeting held the other evening forsome way in the interest of ballot reform including a uniform primary election law

tions. It falls far short of that result. Governor PENNYPACKER has not included ballot reform among the subjects of legislation because he doesn't want ballot reform or honest elections. The reasons he gives for his indifference on the subject are election to the office in which he had been cy, the Governor proceeded to enumerate. that the people are getting used to the a most subservient tool, he was forced by present ballot law and are learning to un- public sentiment to withdraw in order that derstand it. Last year, he says, there a man of decent reputation might be subwere fewer mistakes made than the year stituted and the machine dominance prebefore and therefore the vicious system served. The expedient failed, for the reashould be continued. As a matter of fact, son that the people would not be deceived. however, the lesser number of invalid bal- but the conspirators have not dispaired. lots voted last year as compared with the This repetition of the subterfuge is the subelection of 1904, doesn't prove the propo- stantial proof of that fact. The communisition he asserts. It simply shows that ty was alert then and the machine manaover his subjects is cordially approved and there being fewer candidates on the ticket gers hope that its sigilance has abated and about everything else the Legislature did last year there were not so many opportu- that credulity has taken the place of intelnities to make mistakes.

law is not the fact that it is difficult to un- of this was in Philadelphia on the occasion Legislature during the regular session and derstand, though that is an objectionable of one of the ostentations machine demonfeature. In the course of time the most strations, or as they are called there-pastupid voters might be educated to an un- rades. It was a most audacious enterderstanding of the law. But the better it prise. The infamous machine leaders with is understood the more mischievous it be- startling assurance mustered their merecomes. That is to say, being a shelter for tricious forces and flouted their stolen fraud and an encouragement to crime the splendor in the face of the people. Congreater number of people the chances for HUGH BLACK at the head of one of the diwas no concealment of the fact. It was be- fraud. If the provision authorizing voters visions of that demonstration. It was the cause of this that the decent people of the to take a briber into the booth with them last effort of the gang to marshall its forces. were stricken out the law might serve un- BLACK was one of the conspicuous repre-

-During the past week Spring, Gregg, bad. He takes delight in evil and rejoices Penn and Howard townships were added in the triumph of venality. We have had to the list of those petitioning to the court for anthority to vote on the cash road tax question, according to the new law governing supervisors, etc., as passed by the last Legislature.

Striving for a Short Session

The late managers of the Republican machine in the Legislature are striving to moved to this by a desire to save the money of the State, for the cost of the session will be practically the same whether much or shooting of the Williams boy. little time is spent in the consideration of the measures of legislation. It is their own money they want to save. Under the law the compensation for a special session is limited to \$500 with mileage and a few other perquisites added. The idea is to get that amount in as brief a period as possible and with that purpose in view the bills are to be "railroaded" at the highest rate of speed. There will be neither deliberation nor discussion.

The proposed reforms are of the greatest importance. The personal registration bill s a problem of the most complex character. An esteemed contemporary declares that "in States where they have it corruption flourishes, bosses still manage to rule, privilege is in no wise disturbed and political conditions do not appear to be seriously affected." If that is true it is attributable to defects in the legislation and it should admonish those charged with the work in this State to exercise the greatest care. But there is no intention to be careful. The paramount purpose of the bosses is to finish up quick. If the result is bad legislation they will be better pleased.

work good or evil results. There is no nel of the bench since has held in view the merit in a long session unless the time is properly employed. But in the considera- to the politicians. Within the last half tion of the questions which will come before the body a good deal of time will be necessary unless it is the intention to slight the work. No just apportionment of the peace. bill can be enacted in a few days. No treasury reform bill of value can be rushed. In fact every question enumerated in the Governor's proclamations is of sufficient importance to be carefully considered and that can not be accomplished in a session of less than a month. The people are watching the Legislature and will not be lenient to delinquencies.

-Graham station is laying claim to one of the oldest women in this section in the person of Mrs. Jane Stratton, who is in her ninety fifth year. She is yet quite active and does considerable sewing, only wearing glasses when at the latter occupa-Mrs. Stratton was born on the tion. Hoover farm, just below Unionville, in this county.

-Local ice dealers are beginning to er company started its plant at State Col- wonder if there will be any ice crop this

Bogus Reform in Pennsylvania.

The Republican machine of Philadelphia ernor PENNYPACKER has finally consented has reorganized itself on what it pretends to amend his proclamation calling the ex- to think is a reform basis. That is to say, words, finding that failure to legislate in mer County Commissioner HUGH BLACK was elected chairman and twenty-five rewould completely wreck his party machine, spectable gentlemen were invited to join he has undertaken to avert that danger by the committee in the preparation of a code of rules. Mr. BLACK is the oderiferous genamong the subjects to be considered. It's tleman who was forced off the ticket last a sort of "tub to the whale," and a mighty fall by the surging tide of public conpoor expedient at that, for it is not likely science, and the twenty-five respectables to fool anybody. It will be taken for may be regarded as an amplification of the what it is worth, of course, but it won't scheme invented at that time to placate satisfy the public demand for honest elec- popular indignation and known as the

borough, Benner, Spring, Walker and Union League committee of twenty-one. Marion townships. The whole affair is a fraud on its face. HUGH BLACK, the new chairman, is a notorious ringster. After he had been unanimously nominated by the machine for re-

The main objection to the present ballot | During the recent campaign the writer complete familiarity with it reveals to the spicuous among these sinister elements was Philadelphia could produce, and he, with pride, marched at their head, to show and emphasize his admiration of the machine, its methods and its acts.

Less than two months ago doing everything he could to perpetuate the wrongs and iniquities, against which the decent people of Philadelphia revolted; now, posing as a roformer. Surely the reform he represents is of the sort which makes for a restoration of iniquity.

-Next week will be the regular Jancut the extra session short. They are not uary term of quarter sessions court. The most important case on the list will be that of the trial of Bert Delige, of Scotia, for the

Palpable Miscarriage of Justice.

The acquittal of JOHN W. HILL, former chief of the filtration bureau of Philadelphia, was a palpable miscarriage of justice. Upon his own testimony he ought to have been convicted. He frankly admitted that with the consent in some cases and under the directions of his superior in authority, in others, he had favored the contractors in public work to an extent which cost the city several hundred thousand dollars. But because of the consent and orders the court instructed the jury to find that he was not culpable. If the superior officer has been arraigned, the same line of reasoning would have put the blame on Mr. HILL. The policy is to punish the public.

There is probably no place on the face of this broad earth where official venality is as secure as within the shelter of the courts of Philadelphia. For years the corrupt machine has been leading up to the absolute control of those tribunals. The narrow escape of QUAY a few years ago admonished the machine managers of the danger of an honest, able and courageous The present extra session can be made to judiciary, and every change in the personpurpose of making the courts subservient dozen years as many judges have been created and hardly one of the number would make a respectable country justice

One of these Philadelphia judges was largely responsible for the absurd decision that the judicial salary bill was constitutional notwithstanding the fact that it violated one of the most explicit provisions of the constitution. Others of them have at one time or another forced the acquittal of persons who had practically confessed to various forms of ballot frauds. But the acquittal of HILL, under direct orders from Judge AUDENRIED, was the most open and impudent travesty on justice that has ever occurred in the State. He has certainly not read the signs of the times intelligently. If he had he would know that the people will no longer tolerate such actions.

T. H. Harter, of the Keystone Ga-a life insurance company or some other in-stitution, where he can set his own salary editorial association at its annual meeting and milk the willing public? There is alin Harrisburg, on Tuesday.

Spawls from the Keystone

-T. Frank Ohl, one of the leading citizens of Clintondale, died on Thursday of last week, after a year's illness.

-Rural free delivery route No. 2 was ordered established March 1st at Westover. Clearfield county, serving 590 persons and 114 houses.

-A Clearfield county young man one day recently paid 'Squire Barclay, of Clearfield, the sum of \$70 for seven small trout caught recently out of season.

-Because there is no authority of law for its publication, Governor Pennypacker has stopped the printing of the railroad map of Pennsylvania issued by the department of internal affairs.

NO 3.

Registrars of Vital Statistics.

An act passed by the Legislature establish-

ed a new department under the State board

of health known as the central bureau of

statistics local registrars have been appoint-

receive twenty-five cents for each birth and

death returned and fifty cents for each

pointed for Centre county are as follows:

S. A. Bell, Bellefonte; for Bellefonte

Alfred G. Rager, Milesburg; for Miles-

P. H. Musser, Millheim; for Millheim

John Hoffman, South Philipsburg; for

B. W. Shipley, Unionville; for Union-

ville borough, Taylor, Worth, Huston,

Coming Entirely Too Soon.

In a short time there will arrive in the

United States several commissioners from China charged with the duty of studying

American political, military, naval, educa-tional and industrial methods.

The commission comes at rather an

opportune time, perhaps. It might be better if it would, wait a little longer until

the American people straighten out a few kinks in the system it is going to study. The commissioners cannot fail to be im-pressed with the beauty of the theories up-

on which our institutions are founded. They may become amazed at the position that have grown out of them.

government by political parties and the bosses, of the people, and for the large "in-

into three branches—executive, judicial and legislative. Practically, we have not

yet determined whether there are more

than two—Senator Nelson W. Aldrich and Speaker Joseph G. Cannon.

Theoretically, we have a system of pro-tection to American industries designed to

foster American enterprise and to protect American labor from the competition of

the ill-paid labor of the world. Practically,

we have a system under which gigantic

trusts have been built, which take illegal profits from the people under cover of the tariff, using part of these profits to enable them to sell the same goods abroad at much

iffs imposed by other countries by building factories abroad to give to foreign work-men the wages that should go to Ameri-

Theoretically-But why enumerate?

Perhaps, on the whole, it would be better

f we put more of our noble theories into

practice before we invite commissioners

from a benighted nation seeking light to

A Home Measurement of Mr. Dresses

And now, with an admixture of pleasure,

surprise and contempt, we note the decision of Judas C. Sibley and Solomon the

election at the hands of their beloved con-

stituents. Pleasure that criminals and simpletons in high places have come to

note the handwriting on the wall as regis-tered in November, and will no longer dare

to seek place through the influence of their

bank accounts, and at the expense of the people. Surprise at their discernment, and contempt for their excuses and protes-

tations of loyalty, and concern for the wel-fare of those whom they have been sup-

posed to represent.

We desire to be wholly honest, and may

as well confess also to a certain measure of disappointment over decision of Solomon,

for we have most devoutly hoped that he would again enter the liste, that the peo-

ple of this district might have an opportu-nity, now that they have learned their les-son, to register their contempt for a man who, while professing to represent this con-gressional district, has in reality, repre-sented nothing beyond a cheap personal desire for notoriety that in the end has

caused him to appear ridiculous. But that is the way of the world, in the midst of life

we are in debt, and our rivulets of happi-

ness lead but to the great ocean of disap-

pointment.
Exit, Solomon the Otherwise. Exit.

Indas the fraud and montebank, one to

the asylum for misfits, the other eventual-

The Chances are Not All Gone.

There is hope for the poor boy. McCall,

McCurdy, Quay, Rockefeller and Depew

were once poor; and the chance for stealing is perhaps as good as ever before. What

is there to keep every poor boy that is sav-ing and thrifty from becoming president of

ly, to the southwest corner of bades.

From the Johnstown Democrat,

ways room at the top

From the Mt. Jewett (McKean Co.) Herald.

visit us in search of ideas.

ower prices, and evading retaliatory

Theoretically, the government is divided

Theatrically, we have government

Halfmoon, Patton and Union townships.

ourg borough and Boggs townships.

disinterment permit. The registrars ap-

townships.

townships.

South Philipsburg.

College townthips.

and Snow Shoe townships.

From the Duluth Evening Herald.

-Henry B. Lee, a member of the Monroe county bar, committed suicide in a Main street cafe Sunday night by drinking carbolic acid. Lee was 29 years old and was a son of ex-State Senator David S. Lec.

vital statistics, the object of which is to secure a correct return of every birth and -During the year just ended between 9,000,000 and 10,000,000 tons of coal were death occarring in the State, as well as the shipped from the Central Pennsylvania coal cause of death, where the body is buried, field over the Beech Creek district of the etc. For the purpose of collecting these New York Central. This record beats all previous years ed in every county in the State who will

-Miss May Wrigley, daughter of Edward Wrigley, of Clearfield, while cooking beans Thursday afternoon about 4 o'clock, in some manner the contents of the utensil exploded and the water flew in her face and eyes and scalded her quite badly.

-Mrs. J. G. Dell, of Huntingdon, has a flock of chickens which averaged 175 eggs per hen for the entire flock during the year Dr. J. R. G. Allison, Centre Hall; for 1905. She kept a daily record of the num-Centre Hall borough and Potter township. ber of eggs laid and is prepared to show the W. H. Holter, Howard; for Howard same to any one who may doubt the stateborough, Howard, Curtin and Liberty

-The plant of the Altoona Glass Co., was partially destroyed by an incendiary fire, Sunday night, entailing a loss of \$25,000, with but \$10,000 insurance. The plant was borough, Gregg, Penn, Harris and Miles closed down two weeks ago and was to have been dismantled as it never was a money-Thomas G. McCausland. Philipsburg: maker.

for Philipsburg borough and Rush town--Hon. N. B. Chritchfield, secretary of agriculture, has ordered 18 prosecutions against violators of the act of assembly regulating the manufacture and sale of commercial feeding stuffs. These defendants are do-Irving L. Foster, State College; for State ing business in the counties of Clinton, Cen-College borough, Ferguson, Harris and tre and Clearfield.

-Salerno, the Williamsport murderer, has just twenty days to live, and it is estimated that there have already been between five and six hundred applications from persons W. A. Sickle, Snow Shoe; for Burnside anxious to see the hanging. Many of them will likely be disappointed at not receiving a

card of invitation. -Benton McClure, a well-known farmer, hanged himself in his barn, at his home a mile and a half west of Petersburg Wednesday morning. McClure had been a sufferer the past twenty years from rheumatism and this is thought to have prompted him to commit the rash act. He was 45 years old

and single. -William H. Goodfellow, a leading hardware merchant of Altoona, was sued for \$50,-000 for breach of promise of marriage Wednesday morning by Miss Bertha A. Fagley, a pretty young woman of Altoona. The suit was entered at the very hour that Goodfellow was leading to the altar Miss May

-S. A. Lutz, of Tyrone, has purchased the A. H. Kaufman interest in the Irwin house property at Lock Haven. In the spring important changes and improvements will be made in both the interior and exterior by the new owners, Messrs. S. Woods Caldwell and S. A. Lutz. The present landlord, H. R. Landis, will continue.

-Newberry is to have a new industry in the shape of a plant for the manufacture of high carbon steel fence posts. Work at building the plant has been in progress for some time, and it is expected to have it in readiness to start work in about ten days. The plant will employ about ten men and the output will be 2,500 posts per day.

-Roland N., William E., and Sidney R. Wyckoff, of Williamsport, and Mrs. John Hirst, of Philipsburg, have been notified of the fact that they have become heirs to the estate of an aunt, Mrs. John R. Hamilton, who died at Wellsville, N. Y., on Thanksgiving day. They, with six other nephews and neices, will inherit about \$200,000.

-Samuel J. Dill, an Altoona yard freight brakeman, residing at East Altoona, was the victim of the third fatal accident to occur on the Pennsylvania railroad in the vicinity of that city in 24 hours. He met death in the lower Altoona yard Thursday evening at 7:20 o'clock by being crushed between two cars he was coupling to be shopped for re-Otherwise, to decline a re-nomination and pairs.

-At 1:30 o'clock Saturday morning Chas. Biddle, of Mill Hall, Clinton county, died at the Altoona hospital, of malignant measles. He was admitted to the institution on Tuesday and his condition grew gradually worse until he passed away. Deceased was aged 21 years and had been employed as a conductor by the Altoona and Logan Valley railway company.

-During the year 1905 there were 2,845 cars of lumber shipped from Williamsport over the Philadelphia and Reading railway, and 3,398 over the Pennsylvania railroad. Over the Pennsylvania, from points between Williamsport and Renovo, not including either place, 3,354 cars were shipped. Over the Northern Central, from points between Williamsport and Elmira, not including either place, 701 cars were shipped.

-The State Armory board has decided to ocate an armory at Pottstown for Company A. Sixth regiment, and one at Pittston for Companies H and C, of the Ninth regiment. It is the intention to divide the present appro priation of \$250,000 among the three brigad and do the best that can be done with the limited sum. Not more than \$20,000 will be expended for an infantry company nor more than \$30,000 for a cavalry or artillery com-

-The Spangler Coal & Coke company, in which are interested Col. J. L. Spangler, of Bellefonte : James A. McClain, of Spangler, and a number of others, have sold to the Pennsylvania Coal & Coke company the Sussie colliery, which it formerly operated but has allowed to remain idle for some time. The purchasing company has already rid the workings of water and has started to shop coal. The mine is expected to be running full blast within a very short time.