Aemocratic Matchman.

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Ink Slings.

-Russia seems to be getting back to herself again.

-Warm weather in January is all right for no one but the doctors.

-The man who said the sun is gradually cooling off wasn't heard from on Sunday. -The Bellefonte youngster that hasn't had chicken-pox or measles is certainly not

in the swim. -The Pittsburg Dispatch is one of the

few independent Republican papers that we know of as having any independence.

-Talk about troubles. Who has more than the ice man who is expecting nature to start him in business for next summer?

-Give the average girl a string of chiffon to fly around her neck and she will try to decrive herself into thinking that she is not only warm but au fait.

"A square deal" is the campaign slogan in Pittsburg and those who are shouting for GEO. W. GUTHRIE know that if he is elected they will get it.

Green is to be the fashionable shade in the spring. The style has been set in Paris and of course it will be Paris-green, but not the kind that kills potato bugs.

-That Pittsburger who broke all records by being prostrated with the heat on Sunby, Jan. 21st, probably had a haug over of "orazy with the heat" from last summer.

-ISRAEL W: DURHAM, former insurance would have been in Harrisburg at this particular time

-The President has ordered much of the departmental red-tape cut out in Washington, but if he wants to save the treasury he will have to out out that Panama canal tions. That secret will be revealed reluctape-worm also.

-Governor PENNYPACKEE has lately become imbued with the idea that he is the special session of the Legislature. He seems to want no bills acted upon that he has not prepared.

-We haven't heard any reverberations of the Gazette's LOVE boom for Congress resounding from Clearfield, McKean or is had only a few hour's duration.

-Caterpillars were crawling about in New Hampshire, butterflies flying in Vermont and a heat prostration reported from Pittsburg on Sunday, but Logan street youngsters in Bellefonte were running about in their bare feet.

declares that SAM never said that QUAT was a greater man than WEBSTER, which leads the public to wonderment as to which one of the PENNYPACKEE's can tell the biggest story when he gets started.



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On the Wrong Tack.

The proposed legislation to reform the system of compensating the Insurance Commissioner of this State is likely to develop some important and interesting facts. The other day a resolution was introduced by one of the Democratic members of the House asking the head of that department to submit a statement of the amount and sources of the fees received. Such information, the mover of the resolution remarked, is necessary to intelligently legislate on the subject, and he is right. But it is important on other accounts. It will, in the event that it is candid and complete, give the public an idea of how much the Republican boss of Pennsylvania has been charging the people for managing the party. A Philadelphia business man who was

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formerly active in political life, in a speech delivered in that city two or three weeks ago, declared that the compensation of the Insurance Commissioner amounts to \$40.-000 a year. Others have estimated the amount variously at from \$16,000 to \$25,commissioner of Pennsylvania, is in Cali- 000 a year and semi-official sources placed fornia. Under the old order of things he it at about \$20,000 a year. Where there is such a diversity of opinion the public is entitled to accurate knowledge and if the pending legislation supplies it good will result. But we caution the legislative reformers to be vigilant in their investiga-

> tantly, if at all, and the statement should be sorutinized with the greatest care. The bill which has been introduced in the Legislature to provide a salary in lieu of fees for the Insurance Commissioner fixes the sum at \$8,000 per annum. As

salaries go now that is not an excessive figure for a man who is capable and will give his time and attention to the duties. But if the office is to be in the future as it Cameron counties. Even here in Centre has been in the past a sinecure, then less than a third of that amount would be excessive. It may safely be said that during the last seven years the Insurance Commissioner has not spent an average of one day a month in the office and to pay any

man \$8,000 a year for such service would simply be robbing the public in order to bestow an unearned bounty on a party

-In all his record of political high- enced by personal antipathy to President he must have been joking in the unstwaymanism the late Senator QUAY never had the audacity to openly advocate a violation of the State constitution. This was left to be done by a governor, who, when a candidate, could see no "ills that Pennsyl- They simply indicate a reprobation of evil vania had to complain of." Certainly the "ills" must be many and vicious that safety of the country and no amount of fulwould justify the setting aside of the constitution to correct them.

The friends of President ROOSEVELT are not wise in the course they have adopted Governor PENNYPACKER is sincere in his concerning him. That is to say, they as sume that every man who is opposed to his The Governor is an egregious egotist, bepolicies is influenced by a desire to impair youd question. He imagines that his perhis popularity. Even LINCOLN STEFFENS sonal opinions are superior to law and that has fallen into the error of canonizing him his individual caprices are equal to public while denouncing the iniquities that surround him while the lesser sycophants like JACOB RIIS and others paint him as the sum and substance of perfection and intimate that he can't do wrong. If a public man questions the wisdom of meddling with European broils, he is promptly denounced by a horde of hero worshippers as a vilifier of the great and good ROOSEVELT. If another points out irregularities in the operations of the Isthmian canal enterprise he is condemned as an enemy of the President. Such things are becoming intolera-

ble The truth is that while President Roose-VELT possesses many good qualities he has more than an ordinary share of the infirmities of the human heart and mind. He is selfish, opinionated, arrogant and overbearing. He is ambitions, whimsical and intolerant. Besides he is lacking in the civic virtue which is expressed in respect for the history and traditions of the country, though civic righteousness is his principal stock in trade. His ambitions are a menace to the public safety and his inconsistencies a perennial danger. His caprices multiply the expenses of the public service and in the event of a serious reversal in industrial conditions would bapkrnpt the country or impoverish the people through excessive taxation to meet the expenses of profligate administration.

Mr. ROOSEVELT is not an angel by a large majority.

The friends of Mr. ROOSEVELT would better adopt another course. When a Senator in Congress or another expresses dissent from his opinions it would be better to assume that he is influenced by proper and patriotic motives and therefore entitled to his notion and his liberty to express it. The declaration that there has been corruption in the management of the Isthmian is as clear as that which requires the State caual in no respect implies that it is influ- to be divided.

Pennypacker's Absurd Notion. It is almost impossible to believe that

so-called Senatorial apportionment bill. opinion. But he is hardly a confirmed idiot and unless thus afflicted he couldn't possibly, in view of his oath of office and those of the Senators and Representatives in the Legislature, gravely suggest so palpable a violation of the constitution of the State as such an apportionment of the State into Senatorial districts as he is said to have suggested, would involve. Section 16 of Article II of the State con-

stitution reads : "The State shall be divided into fifty Senatorial districts of compact and contiguous territory as nearly equal in population as may be, and each district shall be entitled to elect one Senator. Each county containing one or more ratios of population shall be entitled to one Senator

for each ratio, and to an additional Senator for a surplus of population exceeding three-

fifths of a ratio, but no county shall form a separate district unless it shall contain fourfifths of a ratio, except where the adjoining counties are each entitled to one or more Senators, when such county may be assigned a Senator on less than four-fifths

construed one part of this section as mandatory and the other as simply directory. That is to say, he declares the language "the State shall be divided into fifty Senatorial districts" is mandatory while the phrase "and no county shall be divided unless entitled to two or more Senators," is directory. WEESTER's dictionary defines the word shall, "to be obliged ; must." As there is no qualification the word necessarily means the same in both cases and the mandate against dividing a county, unless it is entitled to two or more Senators,

--- It was only part of human nature to kick when our streets became as muddy as they were the latter part of last week and the fore part of this, but we venture the assertion that the fellow who kicked most was the very one who had pointed to them with pride for months before as being "in finer condition than the streets of Bellefonte have ever been in before." They were not muddy because they were improperly made but because the frost coming out of the ground and the intermittent showers brought about a result never before experienced here at this season of the year. The pavements, if you noticed them on Sunday, looked as though it had been raining on them all day, they were so damp and slimy. The atmosphere was so moist that nothing could dry off. The crossings were sloppy, because for years there has been a cry in Bellefonte to build the streets up to them so that they are not so bumpy for driving and when that is done there is no way to keep the mud from flooding onto them.

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Where Forgetfulness Should

Senator Depew is said to be suffering from aphasia. He is said to be studing from aphasia. He is said to be troubled with occasional lapses of memory and no longer enjoys the mixed blessing of fluent speaking. The brag orator now stammers and heeitates in his search for the right model. These is pathing now in this last and exceeding one-half of a ratio, AND NO word. There is nothing new in this last COUNTY SHALL BE DIVIDED UNLESS phase of the senator's countries. Nearly COUNTY SHALL BE DIVIDUO OR MORE SEN-ENTITLED TO TWO OR MORE SEN-ATORS." Governor PENNYPACKER is said to have Governor PENNYPACKER is said to have

right word simply indicates a lack of prac-tice. The lapsing memory is quite anoth-er thing. It is hard to realize just why any friend of Depew's should regret such an outcome. With a record like Depew's to forget would be the rarest mercy. It would be little short of perdition itself to be able to recall, or rather to be forced to recall, each blot and stain upon a charac-ter each type betrayed each promise forter, each trust betrayed, each promise for-gotten, each smile that hid a lie, each mel-low note blown from the mouth of a whitened sepulchre. Such things as these are all phantoms that gather closer around as the shades of night deepen. They are forms that mock and terrify. They are the ghosts of murdered talents and slain opportunities and they all fall in ghastly procession before the eyes of the old man who sits by the firs. They each one of them have all of the tragic force of the knocking at the No 9 mine at Winburne was run over and

in Macbeth. From such and such sights as these a man not strong enough to know repentance would give a year of his life for even a few hours of forgetfulness.

Spawls from the Keystone

-Mt. Union Methodists have broken ground for a \$3,500 parsonage.

-Miss Mary McAllister is making a strong canvas for the nomination for school director in Susquehanna township, Dauphin coun-

-DuBois has organized a Merchants Protective Association very much in keeping with the Business Men's Exchange recently formed in Philipsburg.

-Fire Thursday night practically destroyed the plant of the Westmoreland Broom company in Greensburg, entailing a loss of between \$15,000 and \$20,000, with small insurance.

-The first death sentence in Indiana county in 20 years was passed upon Carmeme De Renzo by Judge Telford Saturday. De Renzo killed his sweetheart at Creekside in September.

-Cambria county has 16,594 able bodied male citizens over twenty one and under forty-five years of age who are liable to military duty under the provisions of the act of May 9, 1899.

-D' M. Rhinesmth, farmer on the Jam es Mitchell farm, Lawrence township, Clear-field county, threshed 73 bushels of rye from two acres of ground this season, which is an unusually good crop.

-Murray Heider, of Selinsgrove, and Mary Crumwell, of Sunbury, were killed by a train Saturday night while attempting to cross the Pennsylvania railroad bridge which spans the Susquehanna river at that place.

-An addition to the Huntingdon freight depot will be made the coming summer, involving the expenditure of several thousand dollars. The railroad company is also anxious to join hands with property holders in the vicinity in improving the side walks and streets.

-Game Warden Hummelsbaugh, of Clearfield, on Thursday arrested Andy Shidasky, of Osceola, on the charge of hunting without a license. He was brought to Philipsburg and given a hearing before Squire Hewitt, who fined him \$40.00 and costs.

-After working on it for fifteen! years, Gottfried Schmidt, a Hazleton 'inventor, claims to have succeeded in perfecting an an entirely new wireless telegraphy system. Mr. Schmidt has secured a patent and claims that by his invention communication can be carried through the air at least one hundred miles.

-A fire of unknown origin completely destroyed the McFeely Brick company's plant, just cast of Latrobe, Saturday, entailing a loss estimated at \$100,000. The plant is located beyond the Latrobe water lines and was practically destroyed before the firemen could reach the scene

-One thousand dollars a finger and an extra thousand for good measure is what Frank E. Klugh, of Florin, Lancaster county, wants the Rollman Manufacturing company of Mt. Joy to pay for the loss of the four fingers of his right hand. The plaintiff worked on a machine in the defendant's

-France having assured us that she loves both Uncle SAM and his MONROE doctrine she has been commissioned to go ahead and lick h--- l out of Venezuela. Verily the golden rule gets peculiar construction in the international Sunday school class.

-If nothing else comes out of that DEUEL-Collier's libel suit in New York it will have revealed to the public what an easy lot of marks some rich men are and Topics for treating them gently.

-The crowning humiliation of J. LEE PLUMMER, the defeated ring candidate for State Treasurer, last fall, scourred in the House on Monday when hel was jeered while making a speech. Before the reform whole thing in Harrisburg, but time has taught him the lesson that there are others.

-R. B. TAYLOR is an aspirant for the office of Bargess and the opposition is already raising the cry that he would not have a suitable office. The question of what ticket he would run on being waived for the sake of the argument, what would be the matter with that famous ice house? It would seem like getting back home to many of the boys to come to trial in that good old joint.

respectively should become laws. Under President of the United States.

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-Tomorrow candidates for borough and township offices will be named in Centre county. The good citizen will have a care that none but acceptable men are placed on the tickets. This thing of nominating men for offices for which they are not qualified, merely as a sop to them should be stopped ; as well as the practice of refusing to nominate men who would make good officials merely because they have never taken an active part in politics.

-A Zarick professor has spent the greater of lake Luzerne up to his neck in an effort actual effect of his action. to tame fish and take their pictures. He

has succeeded in getting about two hunbut he is a scientist, all the same.

Usurpation of Authority.

Obviously the Governor is jealous of the Legislature. Heretofore the encroachment upon one department of the government by another has been regarded as usurpation what shoddy things they must be to pay a and was sorupulously avoided. Only a scandal-monging publication like Town couple of years ago Governor PENNYPACK-ER indignantly resented an imputation that he had attempted to influence legislation.

Under some malign influence he has changed his mind, however. Now, according to reports which come from Harrisburg, he not only tries to influence legislation but delugs PLUMMER thought he was the actually undertakes to direct it. In other words, it is said that the Governor has himself prepared bills on every subject referred to in his extra session proclamations and intimated that only his own bills will re-

> ceive his approval. This is the most dangerous form of executive usurpation that has ever been perpetrated in this country. Other Governors have indicated a preference between pending measures in the Legislature and there have been suspicions within recent years that Governors have used the official patronage of their administrations to win legis-

-The bills to make a fixed salary for | lators to their way of thinking on legislathe Insurance Commissioner and Secretary tive subjects. But we call to mind uo of the Common wealth at \$6,000 and \$7,000 other instance in which Governors have actually drafted bills to be introduced in the present fee system those officials draw the Legislature and never thought it posfrom \$33,000 to \$46,000 per annum; sible that any Governor would threaten amounts out of all proportion to the service legislators with the veto power in order they render the State an1 far beyond the to coerce them into the support of his meassalaries of any federal officer other than the ures. That is a direct subversion of popular government.

> If the Governor can thus direct the trend of legislation the independence of the Legislature is completely destroyed and the genius of our Commonwealth subverted. If this infraction of the rights of the Legislature is tolerated the next step will be a sound of soldiers in the legislative chambers directing the deliberations at the point of the bayonet. That may not happen in the immediate future but it is the logical consequence of what has actually occurred and would be hardly less reprehensible. Gov-

ernor PENNYPACKER may not mean to part of five months standing in the waters | lead on to such a elimax but that is the

-Mr. PENNYPACKER'S reforms are of dred of the finny tribe to eat out of his the kind that would openly and arrogantly hand," All the while this rather remark- violate the constitution to attain a personable performance has been going on the al end and make the ignorant believe he is burg will cost the tax payers of Pennsylva- ly they forget that little Cameron has a professor has undoubtedly looked very better than his party. As a first class "re- nia a little over a quarter of a million dol- real Capt. BARCLAY in the field and that much like a fool to unwitting passers-by, form fraud," Mr. PENNYPACKER will lars, and yet the tax-payers seem to be en- TOM HARTER has a LOVE that surpasseth "take the cake."

ROOSEVELT. Reprehe terous swashbuckling toward the South American Republics doesn't of necessity imply a personal enmity to the President. practices and a concern for the honor and some enlogy of a too strenuous public functionary will change the fact.

Machine Methods Revived.

On Monday evening in the House of Representatives at Harrisburg, the old machine appeared in its old insolent form. Speaker WALTON was again the Czar of last session and his absurd and atrocious ralings were supported with practically the same unanimity that prevailed during the regular session a year ago. Singularly enough McCLAIN, of Lancaster, was again the vehicle by which the Speaker put his purposes in motion. A short time ago that gentleman was protesting with great vehemence a determination to divorce himself from the gang. But the vanity which consumes him made him an easy victim and he was unable to resist the desire for conspicuity which the offer of leadership

afforded. On Monday night various resolutions were summarily disposed of by the ruling of the Speaker that "they were not germain to the Governor's proclamation calling the extra session," but the conspicuous outrage in this respect was that in which the resolution of Mr. MOHR, of Berks county, was taken out of the deliberations. The resolution was in no respect a measure of legislation. It simply expressed the sense of the members of the House that work on the QUAY monument enterprise should be discontinued. The representatives of the people certainly have a right to entertain and express such an opinion, but the right was denied them by the arbitrary ruling of Speaker WALTON.

Mr. QUAY's life expressed everything that is reprehensible in the official and political affairs of the country. His only achievement was instilling and prolonging iniquity in the public service. The defeat of J. LEE PLUMMER, for State Treasurer, last fall, was less an expression of antipathy to PLUMMER than a notice of abhorrence of QUAYism. For that reason the scheme to crect a monument in commemoration of QUAY ought to be abandoned and the representatives of the people in the Legislature were within their rights . in declaring the fact. But the Speaker usurped the authority of them expressing their sentiments. It was a brief revival of machine methods.

-The feast of crow that the Republi-

can party is now partaking of at Harrisjoving it more than the crow eaters are.

The Third Term Movement.

The third term movement is making progress. Since the recent statement of JACOB RIIS that ROOSEVELT'S re-election is inevitable, others have spoken and the From the Appeal-to-Reason (Girard, Kan.) character of the men and the location of the sounds make it certain that the quality of accident is absent. Rus was in the west when he was moved to express himself. After him came a voice from the south. Colonel LYON, chairman of the

Texas Republican State committee, a "personal and political friend of the President," has echoed the sentiment. The east and north are more conservative or more cautions. But they will be brought into line.

roads. Colopel LYON can find no better reason for his faith than the fact that the President visited New Orleans during the yellow fever epidemio. Neither is a valid. excuse. The President's policy with re-

spect to the railroads is a false pretense. If From the Philadelphia Press he would consent to the enforcement of exeliminated from the section of the city in which he spent his time.

The real reasons which influence JACOB RIIS, Colonel LYON and the rest of themi to insist on ROOSEVELT getting another shine of official favor in the future as they have in the past. The reason ROOSEVELT wants another election is that he covets power and hopes, not to compel corporations to be just to the public, but obedient to himself. He wants to control everything from railroad rates to foot ball rules and he understands now that his ambitions will be disarpointed unless he gets

another lease on the office he occupies.

-Now that Uncle SOLLY DRESSER has declared that he will have no more of it Clearfield county must think its the whole show in producing material for the Republican congressional nomination. First in the field was F. R. SCHOFIELD, present member of the Legislature ; then came M. I. McCREIGHT, cashier of the Deposit National bank, of DuBois, and now they are naming Senator E. A. IRWIN and CHARLES E. PATTON, a brother of the late Senator ALEXANDER E. PATTON. Evidentthem all, in his estimation.

The New "Asset" Currency.

Do you know what "asset currency, which the bankers are demanding, means It means that they can deposit their indi-vidual stocks and railroad and other bonds with the government and draw the amount in new bank notes ! All they will have to do to get money is to organize new corpo-rations, issue hundreds of millions of stocks and bonds on them, deposit these pieces of paper and draw the cas the government hold the bag. Talk about the John Laws bubble that burst Europe tions. But they will be brought into line, The President's interest in the Naw York organization proves that he is looking after things in those sections. The reason given by Mr. RIIS for the disregard of the precedent established by WASHINGTON is that ROOSEVELT must complete his policy of regulating the rail-roads. Colonel LYON can find no bottom in the last century-this would throw it i

enough and, perhaps, they will hang them-

And Why Should They Pay on The Basis.

A Federal Court Judge in Nebraska has he would consent to the enforcement of ex-isting law with respect to disoriminations and rebates the corporation evils would abate themselves. Moreover, he addin't go to New Orleans until after the epidemic had been taken under control and was real value of a property. Nor is it a true measure of the company's earning capacity. For tax-gathering purposes this Western jurist concludes the company should be willing to abide by the value set upon it by those who actually own it. These are the persons who have the stock and bonds. to insist on ROOSEVELT getting another term is that they want to bask in the sun-shine of official favor in the future as they mate put upon them ! And what a snug re would be in the revenue re ceived by the Commonwealth of Penasyl-vania if such a rule should be applied !

Why Not Stretch It This Way?

rom the Lancaster "Now Fro " While the Governor makes so light of running foul of the constitution, why does he not go one step further, and give it another wrench? Under the constitution,

no city or county shall have a senatorial representation exceeding one-sixth of the number of Senators. But Philadelphia has pulation that entitles her to at least ten Senators. Why not give her the ten instead of the eight she now has? The people down there have become so good and so virtuous recently that the Governor under his plan might give them a few ex-tra ones to reward them for their superlative merits. If the constitution is to be stretched in favor of a few not especially deserving communities, why not also when some show up as extra good? We direct the attention of the Legislature to this matter. It may help them to formulate a bill that will mete out more exact justice than the one under consideration.

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instantly killed by a motor Saturday morning. It is presumed that he did not hear the signal, and could not get out of the way in time to avoid being killed. The unfortunate man was aged about 55 years, and leaves a wife and several grown up children.

-The Bellefield Coal and Coke Co. has been chartered in Cambria county. The company will have its offices in Blandburg, and is capitalized at \$25,000, divided into 500 shares at \$50 each. The stockholders are as follows: Elmer E. Davis, Johnstown, R. L. Bower, Blandburg, J. H. Craig, H. W. Culp. W. H. Markley, James Foust, Altoona.

-At the recent annual meeting of the Osceola Silica & Fire Brick company the following officers were elected: President, H. L. Sholly; vice president, P. Gallagher; treasurer, H. W. Todd; secretary, R. L. Coffy; directors, H. L. Sholly, P. Gallegher, H. W. Todd. S. W. McLarren, A. S. Brown, C. H. Rowland and J. Swires. The plant was found in good condition and is working steady.

-With the receipt Wednesday of a check for \$425,000 drawn to his order on the Union Trust Company of Pittsburg and signed by the personal buildsmen of the wrecked Enterprise Bank of Allegheny, State Treasurer Mathues has up to date, received \$801,-755,37 of the \$1,039,000 of the state deposit in the defunct institution. Mr. Mathues said that by March first he expects to receive the entire amount of the deposit. ' ,

-Mr. Creasy, of Columbia, has introduced two bills in the house in which Grangers of the State have been deeply interested for years. One provides that the State shall return to the counties nine-tenths of the person al property tax instead of three-fourths, now, and the other provides that all licen fees shall be retained by counties instead of a part being taken by the State. If the two bills are both passed and become a law a differ of considerably over a half million dollar will be made in the revenue of the State.

-Eighteen persons were killed and probably half a hundred injured during a panic following the cry of "fire" Sunday night in St. Paul's colored Baptist church, on the west side of Eighth street and Girard avenue, Philadelphia. The services were be ing held on the second floor of the building, A defective flue set fire to the chimney, caus ing smoke to issue through the crevices in the floor near the pulpit. The room was well filled at the time and the cry of "fire" coupled with the sight of the smoke threw the congregation into a panic.

-Miss Lucetta Bowers, an aged won of Bagdad, was tortured by a masked robber, who broke into her home and attempted to, make her divulge the hiding place of her money. Miss Bowers was threatened with a revolver, and when she refused to tell where her money was hidden was bound with bed clothing and lighted matches were applied to her feet. She persisted in her refusal to tell where her money was hidden, and the robber, after ransacking the house, secured a few dollars in small change. Miss Bowers's condition was discovered by people in the public road. She is in a critical condition.