Democratic Matchman. BY P. GRAY MEEK.

Ink Slings

-We heard from Oklahoma and Snow Shoe on Wednesday and the news from both places was pleasing.

-Centre county saved a lot of money when the latest murderer took the administration of justice into his own hands.

-Sparking in the sylvan retreats will soon he ended for the season of 1907, both for the automobile and the boy and the girl.

sounds like some one was getting ready for a race with WALTER WELLMAN'S air sbip.

-From all reports Gen. LARRY RED-DING was the MOSES who led the benighted citizens of the new Boro of Snow Shoe into the possession of a splendid array of officials.

forty years in framing laws for building up the end of the incident. the trusts shouldn't be expected to go about the business of tearing them down with any appearance of hopefulness.

-The five hundred thousand Democrats in Pennsylvania are really not asking for very much when they seek to have only one representative in the State's government at Harrisburg. Give HARMAN a lift.

-The adoption of the new constitution by the voters of Oklahoma on Tuesday is notice to Mr. ROOSEVELT that the people of that Commonwealth know quite as much about their needs for home government as he thinks he does.

-It seems like the irony of fate that after having blinded so many innocent (?) old men CASSIE CHADWICK, the famous adventuress and confidence woman who is now serving time in an Ohio penitentiary, should be going blind herself.

-How foolish of MAXIM GORKY. Had he married his affinity immediately upon his arrival in this country he might have been a great man-of his kind-by this time. It is too late now for him to try to atone for the insult he attempted to give American morals.

-What if the Standard did make a half billion dollars in profits in eight years, whose business is it? All that the public has any business to know about is whether the Standard is conducting its business within legal requirements. There is nothing else in the case.

-Judging from what he has been giving them the weather man must imagine that the Grangers at Centre Hall are all ducks, length by mail. More than a week has In truth they were kept busy ducking



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The Capitol Graft Farce.

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"The mountain labored and brought -The talk of training a team of polar, forth a mouse." In other words warrauts bears to draw a sledge to the North Pole have been issued for fourteen of the capitol grafters after a year of denial and vasion, not for the purpose of prosecuting and punishing the guilty but in order to fool the public. Presumably they will be indicted at the September session of the Dauphin county court and in the event of

-The Republican party baving spent the election of Mr. SHEATZ, that will be

Mark how amicably the matter has been arrived. SANDERSON and HUSTON, who have been fugitives from justice from the beginning of the investigation and would have continued to evade service of the law as long as there was danger, conveniently appear at the office of the Attorney General in Harrisburg, just as SAM SALTER

surrendered to the authorities of Philadelphia a few years ago, after arrangements for his acquittal had been completed. Obviously this affair has degenerated

into a farce. The voluntary surrender of the accused and the indictment will be beralded to the public as proof that the criminals are to be prosecuted by the Republican officials. But the prosecution is contingent upon the result of the election.

If HARMAN is chosen to take Mr. BER-RY's place in the state government they will be punished and if SHEATZ succeeds BERRY they will go free.

This is not official but it's absolutely true.

Sheatz Will Decline.

Mr. SHEATZ, the machine candidate for State Treasurer, will probably not accept the challenge of Mr. HARMAN to discuss the issues of the campaign in joint debate. He has already practically declared that fact in a telegram dated the 12th instant in which he said he would answer more at since elapsed and the communication has

they violate their oaths and defy the constitution. From the President down the fundamental law is broken every day, but that isn't the fault of the law. It is the crime of the men responsible for the viola-

It is to be hoped that Dr. JAMES' work in the University with which he is conneoted has no relation to the department of civil government or the civic duties of citizenship, for he revealed in his Jamestown speech a woeful incapacity to teach such subjects. If he wants to participate in the education of the youth of the country in the duties of citizenship he will teach them to respect their oaths and obey the fundamental law of the land rather than justify their perjury on the ground that the instrument they are sworn to support is not worthy. As a matter of fact Dr. JAMES is probably a quack.

An Interesting Bit of Information.

The Philadelphia City Party "shows the uncompromising friend of President temporary of that city. This is an inter- warm in his seat when he publicly deesting bit of information. The Philadel- nonneed ROOSEVELT as a humbug and held phia City Party was organized in 1905 as a reform up to popular contempt. REYBURN chine. It represented the civic virtue in public life of Philadelphia as the Republithe Republican party of the city and con- can machine candidate for State Treasurer. tributed largely toward the overthrow of In fact he had proved himself, both in the the machine in the election of that year. State Legislature and in Congress, a much But having accomplished that result it more courageous and independent man. went into a state of como, so to speak. But almost as soon as he was established That is to say, it ceased its activities be- in office, he threw off the mask and because the selfish element in its composition came the most wanton spoilsman who has was unable to get office. We had come to ever been elected to important office by the the conclusion that it was dead. The machine having resumed business

in Philadelphia, it is natural that the City event of his election, as REYBURN. In HAM and MARTIN are again in the saddle machine are greater than those which misand the City Party had to do something. led REYBURN as mayor of Philadelphia, of the support which it had in the hegin- the event that SHEATZ should become ning. Some of the newspapers which were State Treasurer, that would be as far as he behind it two years ago have gone over to could hope to go. As a matter of fact it is the enemy. The force of public plunder far beyond his capabilities and he would and the North American and the Press have sibilities of profit from the office. On the like the dog, "returned to their vomit." other hand REYBURN is a man of immense Every camp follower and mercenary in the wealth and vast intellectual resources and the enemy. But there is still a vast army the light of the experience with REYBURN,

A Misled Contemporary

verified. Our esteemed contemporary is, itself, exceedingly credulous or stupid and "undesirable" class. But it will hardly Legislature Mr. SHEATZ was the willing or

forced instrument of the machine. He voted for the OUAY monument and most of the other iniquities of the session of 1905 and he served the machine in everything during the session of 1907. Yet the esteemed Press wants everybody to support him on his record in the Legislature. During the campaign for Mayor of Philadelphia last spring our esteemed contemporary accepted the assurances of Mr. REY-

BURN that he is not only a reformer of the most pronounced type, but that he is also

SHEATZ will be quite as servile, in the

in the State in the event that SHEATZ, the machine candidate, is elected the public to accept the statements of the He was nominated by the machine to Republican machine candidate for State serve the machine. Primarily the machine Treasurer just as if they had already been of the same characteristics would do as well. But SHEATZ was the available mau at the time and was chosen because his would like to get others into the same false pretense of reform would help PEN-ROSE and huit no machine Republican interest. If elected he will help the machine succeed under existing couditions. In the and in either event be will beip PENROSE.

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Taft on a Sensational Tour of the World.

From the Lancaster Intelligencer.

Secretary Taft is off for the Philippines and all around the world, and with him go newspaper men and photographers, who will chronicle and illustrate all his doings, sayings and seeings, so that we may expect to have heavy doses of Taft at brief intervals for a long time to come ; and have cause to be thankful that the world may now be girdled so rapidly.

Nobody who will tell appears to have any clear notion why the secretary of war is taking this trip, unless weight be given to the ready suggestion that it relieves him sign of life." according to an esteemed con- ROOSEVELT. Mr. REYBURN was scarcely of the embarrassment of direct connection with Roosevelt performances and policies, and permits the more definite formation of the issues of the approaching presidenphia City Party was organized in 1905 as a reform up to popular contempt. REYBURN tial campaign, so that he can postpone protest against the iniquities of the ma- was quite as respectable a figure in the taking any decided stand upon doubtful points. That would be in keeping with his newly conferred title of "The Great points Postponer," but it hardly seems to furnish reason enough for so long a journey, and one may be pardoned for suspecting that some grand stand play in the way of diplonacy is billed for "Billy" Tafs, in order that he may pose abroad as the ponderous personal embodiment of our world power, and so tickle the vanity of the American people that they will straightway hail him as fit successor of "Teddy" and the interpreter of the new imperialism. Teddy and Billy have no doubt fixed it up between them, and we will have the sensa-Party should wake up. MCNICHOL, DUR- fact, the incentives for him to serve the tion at the proper time with all necessary red fire and brass band accompaniment. The transfer of our big battleship fleet to the Pacific and the assembling on the In its awakened energy it will miss some for REYBURN is much more capable. In Pacific coast of another fleet of eight armored and as many protected cruisers, have a new significance in the light of this possibility of a brilliant diplomatic programme for the booming of Taft for the presidency, for though that weighty was too great for their power of resistance have nothing to hope for beyond the pos- gentleman treads softly, he is the secretary of war, and the navy will be so placed as to help him carry the big stick. The secretary is to stop at Yokahoma.

Japan and then at Shanghai, Hong Kong of unselfish and honest men who will vote the Philadelphia Press has no right to ask just as well without him, although that

Spawls from the Keystone.

-Two wildcats gave the campers on the Newton Hamilton camp meeting grounds a scare Sunday night. One of the animals was shot and the other made its escape.

-Early on Thursday morning 100.000 tons of rock fell into a quarry near Sunbury. Forty men were employed there and had the fall occurred a few hours later they would all likely have been killed.

-The fox hunters of Washington and Greene counties have organized for the protection of foxes in that section of the State. Resolutions have been adopted condemning the scalp law, which provides for a bounty on fox scalps.

-At the conclusion of the morning service in the United Brethren church in Greensburg on Sunday morning it was decided at a congregational meeting to build a new church on the site of the present structure, at a cost of about \$40,000.

-Nearly 500 relatives and friends of Mrs. Sallie Shirey met on Saturday at her home at Monocacy Hill, near Birdsboro, Berks county, to celebrate her 95th birthday anniversary. Mrs. Shirey is yet quite active and ber faculties are well preserved.

-The board of presiding elders of the Central Pennsylvania conference of the Methodist Episcopal church decided not to allow the removal of Rev. Mr. Heckman from Duncannon to the First Metho ist Episcopal church of Bloomsburg to fill a vacancy.

-Robert W. Herbert, a well known newspaper man of Greensburg, has been appointed assistant general agent of the state board of charities. His salary will be \$2,000 a year and his duties will consist of trips of inspection of the various institutions main tained by the State.

-The county commissioners of Cambria county on Monday decided to have an addition built to the county jail at Ehensburg to cost \$50,000. An enlargement of the jail is necessary as the present jail has accommodations for about sixty prisoners, while the number housed there now is upwards of 150. Work will be begun as soon as the plans can be prepared.

-Members of the Mt. Mosiah lodge, No. 300, of Huntingdon Masons, have begun preparations to celebrate their fiftieth anniversary, which will occur on the twenty-sixth of the coming month of October-the half century mark of their constitution. The order is planning to have their lodge rooms renovated before this celebration takes place at probably a cost of \$1,000.

-Considerable interest has been aroused at Shy Beaver, Huntingdon county, and vicinity by the discovery of coal on the Isaac Weaver farm. Two fine workable veins have been uncovered in the excavations for the new railroad at that place. Mine experts have visited the place and declare that the deposit is a good variety of bituminous coal. As it lies near the surface the mining expenses will not be great.

-Jesse Claybaugh, the Huntingdon young man who had both of his legs cut off in a railroad accident in the Walls yard, Pittsburg, on Friday morning, died on Friday afternoon about 4 o'clock at the Allegheny general hospital. The remains were taken ranks two years ago, has also gone over to might aspire to any office. Therefor, in and Manila, formally opening the new to the home of his father, John Claybaugh, in Huntingdon, on Saturday, and the funeral was held Sunday afternoon a

the rain on yesterday and the day before. It was more like Centre county fair weather than that for a Granger picnic

-- New York has the reputation of carrying more bed bugs in its public conveyances than any other city in the world. Here is an honor Gotham is not likely to be robbed of. No special policeman need be detailed to keep the souvenir hunting tourist from carrying away specimens, his knowledge.

-Somebody has been caught lying again. Last week there was a vehement denial of the assertion that the President had injected himself into the fight for Mayor of the city of Cleveland. On Wednesday Congressman BURTON, who is the Republican aspirant for the office, published a letter from the President dated August 30th. from Oyster Bay, in which he advises BUR-TON to go in and make the fight.

-What a thrilling production LINCOLN J. CARTER could make out of the arrest of the capitol grafters in Pennsylvania and It would not only reveal his own intelwhat a fake it will be. The cloud of dust that is now being thrown in the public eye absolute rottenness of the Republican mato blind it against JOHN O. SHEATZ'S machine affiliations will all have been settled by this time next year-if SHEATZ is elected-and there will be no grafters in prison reasons a matter of conjecture. But if he nor any money returned to the State.

-The burgess having vetoed one ordinance providing for the acceptance of the PRUNER orphanage council has passed another for his consideration. The burgess will scarcely backtrack in the matter of disposing of this second instrument since he knows that a majority of the tax pay- HARMAN. ing interests of the town petitioned conncil to reject the proposition. In the face of such a petition it looks very much as though the councilmen favorable to acceptance have some sinister or ulterior motive they are serving.

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-The Gazette is certainly hard messed for argument when it has to resort to such flimsy material as it is using against District Attorney W. G. RUNKLE. When the people of Centre county elected Mr. RUN-KLE three years ago he was chosen as a pros- is not worthy of obedience at all. That is conting attorney not as a policeman or detective. It is not his business to make arrests or pursue offenders at all. As a matter of fact he merely should prosecute after of his reputation for sanity. No man in criminals have been revealed to him by the his right mind would taik such nonsense. proper officers of the law, namely, the sheriff, his deputies, constables or policemen. If they do not perform their duty, completed and at the time that it commanddo not apprehend offenders, the District ed the highest praise from the most com-Attorney is not at fault, no matter who may be District Attorney, and when NED

not been posted. Chairman ANDREWS in ferentially conveys the information that the challenge will be declined, moreover. He states that if his advice is asked he will

recommend such a course, and his advice has probably been asked and adopted. Chairman ANDREWS usually exacts obedience from all except Senator PENROSE. Candidate SHEATZ and his master chairman ANDREWS, are wise in their day and generation. Mr. SHEATZ would cut a sorry figure in a joint debate with Mr. though he probably does get many without | HERMAN under any conditions. Such an event under existing conditions would make a spectacle of him that could hardly

fail to make a dog laugh. With the experience of the last year to sustain his contention, Mr. HARMAN would so completely overwhelm his competitor that he would become a pitiable object. He could prove by recent history that Mr. BERRY's presence on the Board of Public Grounds and Buildings has already saved the State millions of money and vastly improved

the political morals and official methods. Mr. SHEATZ might as well withdraw from the contest as to accept the challenge. lectual poverty but it would prove #the chine. That is what Mr. SHEATZ can't afford to do. The refusal to accept is bad enough. It leaves the question of the should accept there would be nothing of uncertainty in the matter. Mr. HARMAN would not only show that there ought to be minority representation in the Board

but that he is the man particularly adapted for the work. We regret exceedingly that SHEATZ will decline. The debate would have been worth thousands of votes to

Absurd Opinion of a Quack.

Dr. EDMUND J. JAMES, of the University of Illinois, expressed the opinion in a out of the operation a portion or percentage speech at the Jamestown exposition a few days ago, that the constitution of the United States is antiquated and should he re- public property and employs it for his placed by a more modern instrument. Many of its provisions are entirely disregarded, Dr. JAMES declares, and an organic law which is not obeyed literally declares it is a more heinous crime than crazy talk from a crazy locality. Obviously the doctor is willing to advertise himself and his institution at the expense The constitution of the United States is as adequate today as it was the day it was petent authority. The present trouble is not with the constitution but with those county of offenders he is attempting to feed the public a lot of "guff." the instrument but so far from doing that

for a continuance of the improvement begun with the election of Mr. BERRY two years ago, and the signs of life in that contingent are most encouraging.

The City Party man who goes with the worse. The fight begun in 1905 has not in" for the office of Mayor. If SHEATZ been finished and only traitors have abandoned it. SHEATZ is as much a machine man as PLUMMER and his election now will destroy the good effect of the defeat of PLUMMER two years ago. Mr. BERRY ex- though morally and mentally vastly his posed the graft and loot and stopped it for the present. But he hasn't eradicated it. The election of a machine Mayor in Philadelphia has restored the machine to power there and it was never so arrogant before. The election of SHEATZ will have the same effect in the State and the City Party men who are putting life in that organization are promoting the cause of civic righteons.

Working for Membership.

Congressman LILLY, of Connecticut, is electioneering for membership in the Ananias club. He is a member of the House committee on Naval Affairs and a his policies. Our esteemed contemporary, close student of that department of the government. In a previous issue we referred to his criticism of the costly and ab- | the earnest support of SHEATZ by that paard naval junket to the Pacific coast. Recently he has issued a sweeping denunciation of what he calls "the grafters" of the department. "It I had the supreme law- next Republican National convention. making power in this country," he declares, "the only crime punishable with death would be that of grafting. Murder." he continued, "would receive secondary consideration."

Who is the chief grafter in the Navy Department? Grafting, as it is commonly interpreted, means the appropriation of public property to private use. For example an officiai who is authorized to purchase materials for public use and draws for his own use is a grafter. A man who is charged with the care and custody of personal use is equally a grafter. In fact the conversion of public property to private use is grafting and Congressman LILLY murder. In some cases it partakes of the nature of treason

President ROOSEVELT uses two and etimes three of the ships of the navy for the private use of his family. Congress appropriated a large sum of money recentto pay his traveling expenses and though the constitution forbids the acceptance of any emoluments other than the salary provided by law, ROOSEVELT has regularly lrawn this appropriation to the full limit. But in addition to that he has used the vessels of the navy for private purposes and that is grafting, pure and simple. Thereraigns President ROOSEVELT as the chief

for popular coufidence in SHEATZ. Machine men are all alike. They are

trained to obey the masters of the organization. If REYBURN had been recalcitrant ture he wouldn't have been thought of for State Treasurer. His predecessor in the Legislature, Hon, J. CLAUDE BEDFORD. superior, was bowled out after a single term because he served the people rather than the machine. If SHEATZ had been equally faithful to the public his tenure in office would have been quite as brief. But he served the machine rather than the peo-

ple and his nomination for State Treasurer is the recompense of recreapcy. The esteemed Philadelphia Press proba bly knows better but it has a grievance

against ROOSEVELT for throwing CHARLES EMORY SMITH out of his cabinet almost as soon as it was possible to do so. SHEATZ

is against ROOSEVELT and his election would be a rebuke to the President and CHARLES EMORY SMITH, has abandant reasons for hating ROOSEVELT, also, and SHEATZ is elected ROOSEVELT'S candidate won't get a vote from Pennsylvania in the

Sheatz and Reyburn.

Mayor REYBURN, of Philadelphia, announces that "all the martyrs of 1905" are to be restored to office. By the "martyrs of 1905" he means those who were traordinarily bold attempt had been made to steal the gas plant there and bestow it upon some friends of the machine and the public conscience revolted at the atrocity. As a result of the incident some of the machine officials were summarily discharged from office. The meaning of Mr. REY-BURN's announcement may be easily conjectured in view of that fact.

The election of the eminently respectable machine Mayor in Philadelphia has already restored most of the machine emissaries to office and the Mayor assures the others that their time is coming, law or no law. In other words, notwithstand, ing the civil service regulations which protect fit men in office and prevent unfit men from getting place, Mayor REYBURN will get rid of one and secure the appointganization is the standard by which Mayor REYBURN measures public service and the organization, according to his notion, is the machine.

The policy which Mayor REYBURN an- own pretensions in declaring that those nonnees is precisely what is to be expected thieves will be punsiehed. nces is precisely what is to be expected

for the whole journey. From Manila the Roosevelt candidate

goes to Vladivostok, and as there have been vague rumors of negotiations for the lease from Russia of a harbor near that during his service in the Legislature and city to be fortified and used by our navy machine this year is a recreant, if not Congress, he wouldn't have had "a look as a coaling station, it may be that the suspected grand stand play will take place working has not been announced, but it will hadn't served the machine in the Legisla-a that point and will assume the shape of a Russian alliance against Japan for the steel bars is consumed. It is claimed that preservation of peace by the menace of ombined action in war. From Vladivostok the secretary is to

journey in great state across Asia to Mosow and St. Petersburg, braving the bombs of the bumptions Nihilists and hob-

nobbing with the czar. Let us hope that he will escape in good time to be lionized in European capitals before returning in a blaze of glory to our Atlantic shores. Meanwhile that department of the gov-

ernment over which he is supposed to preside may be expected to have its usual share of troubles in the building of the Cuba and the continual, though little talked of, warfare with the Pulajanes and other desperadoes in the Philippines. The work of the war department goes on, Taft or no Taft.

A Telltale Exhibit. From the Pittsburg Post.

Naturally the capitol grafters and their friends never forgive State Treasurer Berry for having exposed the former's steal \$6,000,000 of the public funds. Their orgaus from the moment he first made his per is the result of that enmity. If charges, thirteen months ago, until the present moment have never ceased from ying about and reviling him. A year ago they declared that his charges were false, that there had been no grafting in the matter of the capitol building and furnishing, and they supplemented this by making wholly false assertions concerning Mr. Berry himself.

The overwhelming evidence produced to support the truth of Mr. Berry's charges compelled these organs to admit that the State had been robbed of at least six milthrown out of office after the political con-vulsion of that year in that city. An ex-steadily refused to give Mr. Berry any credit for the exposure, which every sensible and honest man in the State knows would never have been made had he not been elected State Treasurer.

These same organs are now telling the people of the State that the men exposed by Mr. Berry are sure to be punished. At the same time they have shown their real feeling by again letting loose their venom upon Mr. Berry. They now charge that, although he refused to pay Sanderson \$108,-000 and Huston \$104,000, he did at various times pay a number of small bills for capitol furnishings amounting to the enormous sum of \$23,967, which he should held up. And then the organs go into fits and declare what a had man and spurious reformer this man Berry is, and hat it would be a calamity to the State if he should be succeeded by a man like himself. John G. Harman, instead of the candidate of the machine for whose success the

capitol grafters are praying, John O. get rid of one and secure the appoint. Sheatz. Surely the organs which make ment of the other sort. Loyalty to the or-ganization is the standard by which Mayor think the people of Pennsylvania are fools, indeed. In thus assailing Mr. Berry they have not only exhibited their animosity toward the man who exposed the capitol thieves, but also the bollowness of their

ceased was 28 years of age.

-There is no doust now that the tin plate mills at New Kensington. Westmoreland county, will be closed down this week and about 1,000 workmen will be thrown out of employment. The day the plants will cease the shut down is merely for repairs and after two or three weeks the plant will be started again.

-The Latrobe brick company is now enjoying a season of unprecedented property. Thirty thousand bricks are being turned out every day in the week and the demand for them is greater than the supply. Within the past day or two the company secured the contract for furnishing 1.500,000 bricks for the new building which is to be erected at St. Joseph's academy, Greensburg, This Panama canal, the tranquil government of single order will keep the plant running for nearly a month.

-The negro to whom is charged the dastardly assault on Mrs. Clarence Hartman, at her home near Linden, Lycoming county. last Wednesday morning, is in the custody of Sheriff William Riddle. in the county jail. He was captured Saturday forenoon near Liberty, by constable Freer and the Rev. Harry A. McKelvey, after an exciting chase. The fellow is very ugly, brutal looking, and gave the name of Edward Stewart, 32 years of age, a native of Virginia, having been born near Leesburg.

-Fire was put under the tank at the Gray glass house at DuBois on Saturday afternoon. The fire had been out for several weeks, but the men were employed on the improvements and enlargements that are being made, the factory at this time being one of the largest skylight and plate glass

factories in the United States. In addition to increasing the capacity of the plant, the Gray factory is enlarging the scope of its work and it will soon be in a position to make colored cathedral glass.

-At a special meeting of the school board of Jersey Shore, held on Friday evening to hear parents' reasons for not sending their children of compulsory schools age to school, the parents of the children appeared. The excuses given were not considered urgent reasons for depriving children of an education, and the board ordered the parents present to send their children to school within the next few days or prosecutions will follow. It was decided to prosecute at once the parents who had been notified and who failed to appear at the meeting. Reasonable excuses will be accepted.

-To have returned after forty-six years' absence to his boyhood home, which he left as a raw recruit in answer to the call for soldiers, and come back an ex-Governor, was the experience of Edward Schofield, of Wisconsin, at DuBois last Sunday. He was born on a farm near West Liberty, several miles out of the town, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Isaac Schofield. He went to the war only a stripling of youth, and at its close he went into the northwest to live, met with success until he rose to be Governor of the State. He came east last week to attend a reunion of his regiment at Kittanning, and after-wards came on to his hold home.