Democratice Hatchman.

BY P. GRAY MEEK.

Ink Slings.

-We are for the French savant who declares that early rising is dangerous to the health.

-BRADSTREET'S financial publication says "living is getting cheaper." Yes, the soup houses are all open again.

-So Newport is to be reformed socially. Neither HARRY LEHR DOT CARRIE NATION are mentioned as organizers of the movement.

-After all it would have been only fair to have fined Actor HITCHCOCK a little to get even for the great advertising he got out of that suit in New York.

-PAUL MORTON now says no sensible man will defend rebates. It is more pertinent to this particular gentleman to inquire as to what kind of men give or take

-If the founder of this paper had had just a part of the foresight that NOAH displayed experiences such as we had Wed- It is not that President WILSON coincides nesday night and vesterday morning would not have to be recorded.

to retire from the prosecution of the capi- On the contrary Dr. Wilson believes in tol grafters be true there is little hope that the wholesome regulation of corporate there will be any final decision in the case. SCARLETS are few in Pennsylvania.

feoted if all the trade disturbances were futile and blundering attempts to dictate confined to such fights as are now going on between the world's two great diamond mining corporations.

-With only \$600,000 bail between ABE REUF, of San Francisco, and liberty it looks as though ABE ought to soon be filling his lungs with good ozone by the grace of those whose pocket books his rascality filled.

-Dr. PARKHURST might have had better results with his effort to oust Mayor McCLELLAN. of New York, had he waited until a few days before that gentlman's term expires. Mr. HEARST tried the game once and failed.

-The question that most every one is asking himself just now is how the Pres- We suggested that the efficient remedy was byterians hope to build up their church in the criminal prosecution and punishwith that Brotherhood alone. To the prac- ment of those responsible for it. About tical lay mind a matrimonial agency would the same time or soon after we held to the bring better results.

VELT and his family are to go abroad in TON who had been previously vice presi-1909 to spend at least six months. Now dent of the railroad and was at the time in if TAFT should be elected to the presidency | the President's cabinet, confessed the crime, in the fall the question arises as to how he but instead of criminally prosecuting the would get along with the boss so far away.

-A public office is a powerful persuader and that's what accounts for the action of some of those districts that are gradually dropping away from favorite sons and instructing for TAFT. How about the per. the extirpation of the evil. The evidence political, Mr. President ?

-The fact that there were three thou sand netitions for offices filed with the State Department in Harrisburg on Saturday might be and might not be a reflex of the hard times. With nothing else to be done the average man looks to political office or the insurance business as the handiest port in the storm.

-Score one for State Treasurer BERRY. All that he said about the rascals has been proven true by the verdict at Harrisburg last week. The capitol grafters were all found guilty. Now it will be up to the higher courts to prove whether they can be as fair and unpartisan as that Dauphin county judge and jury were.

-OUAY's prophetic remark that every one connected with the capitol building by that form of fustian. It is time the peowould go to the penitentiary is being recalled now that they have been convicted. Possibly the old man came to realize that virtue was not entirely dead in Pennsylvania when he was forced to plead the statute of limitations to escape the same fate he predicted for others.

-DAM LI is the name of the owner of a laundry in St. Joseph, Mo. If there is any- completely justify the prediction of the both sides. A Harrisburgidispatch to one thing in a name he must be the daddy of WATCHMAN, last week, that it is to be a of our esteemed Philadelphia contemporathe biggest bunch of offspring the world bogns inquiry. Representative OLMSTED, ries of Sunday states that "some of those has ever heard of. We have lots of the of Harrisburg, has been made the principal family right around here. In fact, we inquisitor and his mental efforts were inclined to criticise the prosecution because presume, that during the heat of a political clearly directed toward the embarrassment it let PENNYPACKER down so easy," and campaign, some of our dear Republican of Mr. LILLY, the complainant, rather it's small wonder. He was the most guilty friends have the temerity to put us in the than against the offending corporation. If of the lot. It was he who construed the freundschaft.

had the County Commissioners began their ceal the facts instead of expose corruption, "reform" business in some other depart- the matter could not have been plainer. ment of county affairs than that which has

-Charley Heisler's robin story printed in this paper dwindles into insignificance alongside the wild goose story told the writer by insurance agent J. S. McCargar. He said that on Mouday of last week be was going west on the Bald Eagle Valley railroad and just this side of Unionville the attention of the passengers was attracted by the large number of geese in a meadow by the creek. Among others he took a look and at once recognized them as wild geese, and he decleared that there were at least five hundred of them, as they completely covered fully a quarter of anlacre of



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velt.

Dr. Woodrow Wilson, the eminent and able president of Princeton University, has again revealed his complete mastery of the problems of government in an address at a dinner of the Commercial club of Chicago, on Saturday evening last. Denounc ing what he properly characterized as "the passion for regulative legislation and government by commission," he assailed the policies of President ROOSEVELT with such force as to command popular acquiescence. with the absurd notions of Chancellor Day in the view that corporations have the legal -If the report that attorney SCARLET is right to perpetrate outrages on the public. power as well as in the restraint of predatory wealth. "The acts of corporations -How little the most of us would be ef- must be checked," he declares, "not by to each corporation how its business shall be conducted, but by bringing the officials directly to book, who are responsible for

forbidden or questionable transactions."

Six years ago, when the Supreme court of the United States dissolved the Northern Securities company, this newspaper protested that only the partial oure of a great evil had been achieved. The defendant corporation was declared obnoxious to the laws which prohibited restraint of trade, and ordered to dissolve. But it was immediately reorganized in another form and under the guise of "community of interest" would probably be operating yet if Mr. HILL and Mr. HARRIMAN had not quarrelled over the division of the spoils. same opinion with respect to the rebating -It is rumored that President Roose- of the Santa Fe railroad. Mr. PAUL MORoffender the government fined the stock holders of the corporation who had nothing to do with the offense.

Of course it never occurred to President ROOSEVELT to proceed along right lines to ous acting of federal officers in things which convicted the Standard Oil company heen fined something fver \$29,000,000, would have sent ROCKEFELLER and ROG-ERS. who were responsible, to the penitentiary. Occasionally when a National hanker like WALSH, of Chicago, or MORSE, of New York, are completely "down and Conviction of the Capitol Grafters. out," ROOSEVELT blusteringly orders oriminal proceedings. But officers of corporations like the Standard Oil company, the Armour Packing company and the big railroads are immune from criminal proseention as long as they are powerful. As President WILSON says this passion for regulative legislation came upon us so suddenly as to be "more like an impulse of impatience than like a deliberate purpose." It is the false pretense of an insincere man who hoped to promote his own selfish ends ple should come to a realization of the

The Submarine Boat Inquiry.

The preliminary proceedings in the investigation of the charges of corruption against the Electric Boat company, buildders of the Holland submarine naval boats, the announcement had been publicly made law to the Board of Public Grounds and -It possibly might have been better that the purpose of the committee is to con-

The charges are not that Congressmen for its purpose the furnishing of informa- bave been bribed to vote appropriations to tion relative to what becomes of the public the Electric Boat company, but that immoneys after the collector gets separated proper methods had been adopted by the from it. Limiting the circulation of the company to seenre the support of Concounty statement is like buying a candle gressmen for such appropriations. It was sincere and capable, however, during the and burning it out under a bushel. You alleged that agents of the company had ofhave heard of the fellow who did that- fered to secure places on the naval comand he didn't get much credit for doing the mittee for aspirants for that distinction. same considerations which moved him to That this assertion is neither reckless nor refrain from an effort to trace the plunder. inaccurate is proved by the testimony of It might have resulted in a more determin-Representative Hobson, of Alabama, who ed fight for the defendants and the escape declared under oath that such an offer had of all. Nobody knows the temper of his been made and rejected. Of course that mind though all admit that he made a isn't bribery, for the reason that Mr.

as if the plan had succeeded. the head of the party, however, to allow a Mr. SCARLETT was after conviction, nolens full and thorough investigation to be made. volens. Speaker Cannon alone can guarantee particular committee assignments and Mr. Hobson affirms that it was through the Howard resumed operations on Tuesday In order to reduce the stock he is offering Speaker the Boat company agent was morning, after an idleness of several months. some wonderful shoe bargains and if you ground. Of course they were evidently emigrating north and this he considered a operating. In other words, the most power-

verted by a man who even aspires to the greater distinction, in order that manufacturing corporations, already favored by all sorts of largesses, may loot the treasury in supplying materials for the government. It presents the party in a sad aspect, but in view of recent events Mr. OLMSTED ought to know better than to be a clam.

Roosevelt Again Sharply Rebuked.

The disreputable and unlawful methods by which President ROOSEVELT is trying to force TAFT on his party as the candidate for the succession are constantly unfolding themselves. Only the other day the Senase "held up" the nomination of GRANT VICTOR for United States marshall of Oklahoma for the reason that the office had been bestowed upon him as a bribe for changing his political fealty from FAIR-BANKS to TAFT. It is a complete repetition of the Ohio case to which Senator For-AKER objected a few weeks ago and which brought out one of those remarkable 'special" messages that adorn the literature of billingsgate and disgrace the publie documents of this country.

VICTOR, who was an ardent FAIRBANKS boomer, aspired to the office of marshall ambition and appointed a relative of his own, Mr. C. A. PORTER. Against this seing that the nomination was withdrawn to promptly advised of the new turn of affairs prevent a scandal. Then negotiations with and started out on a campaign to "square VICTOR were opened with the result that he was nominated on March 3rd and on March 4th the delegates to the Chicago convention for his Congress district were instructed for TAFT. Before the facts had been ascertained the nomination had been favorably reported by the committee to which it was referred. But subsequently, the iniquity having leaked out, it was recommitted and at present stands a good chance of being rejected.

The President has the reputation of being a shrewd politician and he has shown a facility for quick changes and lofty tumbling which is little less than amazing. ty any good by his open defiance of law wink" there would not only have been opand utter disregard of decency in buying votes for his favorite candidate with the patronage of the government. The people have become callous to some forms of immorality, political and personal. But they such open infamy as ROOSEVELT practices. A government organized by fraud cannot endure and the deep-seated patriotism and honesty of American citizenship will sooner or later revolt against such practices.

The conviction of the capitol grafters at Harrisburg is none the less gratifying because it was somewhat unexpected. Of their guilt there has never been a doubt. From the moment that State Treasurer REPRY made the accountion of graft during the campaign of 1906, no thoughtful man has been deceived by the denials of the conspirators or their political associates. But confidence in the punishment of the oriminals was less generally entertained. The interests of the party were involved, more or less. That is to say if the loot had been traced to its ultimate destination men "higher up" would have been inculpated. But in that event there would probably have been no convictions.

The surprise of the trial was the failure to include Governor PENNYPACKER in the indictment, and the eulogistic tone in which he was referred to by counsel on who sat in the case for seven weeks were Buildings as the conspirators wanted it interpreted. It was he who certified to the integrity of the work and the honesty of officials and contractors. By every consideration of justice he ought to be among those convicted.

Mr. JAMES SCARLETT, who conducted the case for the Commonwealth, was alike proceedings. Possibly he was influenced to leniency toward PENNYPACKER by the masterful prosecution. There is plenty of HOBSON refused to be bribed. But the cause for conjecture, nevertheless. With oulpability of the company is quite as great PENNYPACKER immune and those "higher up" guaranteed safety, conviction was The charge involves men too close to better for the party than acquittal, and

-The rolling mill and tool works at ful office except the Presidency has been per- the plant running for an indefinite time.

John Dalzell's Bad Day.

The insincerity of the support of Senator Knox by the Pennsylvania Republican machine was revealed in a speech delivered by Congressman John Dalzell at an Republican platform will undonbtedly again declare for the "principle of protecevening last week. Mr. DALZELL was under the impression that the time within which candidates for Congress might regis- or against a reform bill that reduces the ter had expired on the 7th instant, and felt free o express his real opinions on the ential question. He knows that KNOX is strong with the people of his the competition from a like foreign prodistrict, if not with the politicians, and that if the friends of the Senator got after him, they would get him, politically and officially speaking at the primarirs. Under tariff schedules, but that "work cannot the impression that he was "out of the woods," so to speak. he "opened up" on the occasion referred to, and declared, substantially, that the Knox movement is

largerly a subterfuge and that Pennsylva-

nia is "solid" for TAFT.

After the event Mr. DALZELL discovered that there were still a couple of days within which to "dig up" opposition at the primaries, and he had what might he called "a bad day." The friends of KNOX in Pitteburg were justly indignant of what for a likely candidate. DALZELL was that gentleman and offered in explanation that he was with TAFT at an alumni banquet of which TAFT was an alumnus, and that he spoke in a Pickwickian sense in order to contribute to the "gayety of natione" rather than with the view of promoting TAFT's political aspirations. Under the circumstances, he added, Knox might overlook his indiscretion and intervene to From the Baltimore American. prevent an opposition candidate at the primaries.

As no opposition candidate registered within the limit of the law it may be assumed that KNOX was easy on the occasion for it is certain that if he had "tipped the position, but it would have been successthey felt free to follow their own inclinations. The KNOX boom was a spawn of will join and rejoice. saity. The "gang" down and out and projected KNOX into the presidential race with the view of deceiving the public into the belief that it had improved in political morals. But when the necessity for the false pretense passed it was promptly abandoned and the political mercenaries like DALZELL instantly turned to the candidate who is backed by the political "loaves and fishes" of the administration.

Roosevelt's Last Brain Storm.

President ROOSEVELT'S message to Congress asking for legislation which will permit such of the negro troops as were disenorably discharged for "shooting up" the town of Brownsville, Texas, to be reinlisted, in the event that they prove their incocence, is easily the most remarkable propositions of our brain-storm chief magstrate. Primarily it is an admission that innocent men were punished without trial or opportunity of defense. Substantially it constitutes a reversal of a principle of igrisprudence which has existed since the beginning of civilized government.

All men are presumed innocent until they are convicted. No matter what the charge or how bad the reputation of a prisoner, the burden of the proof of his guilt is upon the State. He can refuse to plead and even quietly admit his culpabilfundamental principle which has never been denied or even questioned. But ROOSEVELT sets it aside with the freedom and nonchalance which characterized his abortive effort to change the form of spell. From the Inquirer. ing. Nothing is important to him except his own caprices. There is sacredness in no institution, according to his notion.

We don't believe that the negro soldiers lischarged on account of the Brownsville incident ought to be reenlisted, though we do believe that their dismissal without trial was an outrageous usurpation of authority. Events have proved armed negroes are a public menace and for that reaments of murder. But we insist that a proposition to compel negroes or anybody else to prove their innocence after they have been punished is an outrage against the public conscience and an insult to the intelligence of the people of this country.

shoe dealers, has been dissolved. Harry Yeager is to continue the business alone

The Same Old Story.

From the Danville Democrat. How can platform promises or personal pledges he expected to overcome the entrenched standpatters? The more so as the tion" and under that declaration any Republican congressman can if he wants to. vote against the reduction of any schedule protection now enjoyed by any trust, com-bine or protected manufacturer that would declare that the proposed reduction of rate would leave their production open to duct.

For years the game has been played to promise that when "the public interests demand" there will be a revision of the safely be committed to any other hands than those of the Republican party. To intrust it to the Democratic party is to invite disaster." Such was the Republican platform of 1904. But the Republican leaders were not satisfied with that declaration and as an evident afterthought they added to the plank the mendacious state ment : "A Democratic tariff has always been followed by business adversity ; a Republican tariff by business prosperity."
Who, therefore, can or will believe what they say? Both their statements of adversity and their prognostication of prosperity has proven a false guide to their deluded

As the Republican tariff has fostered trusts and allowed the combines to increase prices and sell cheaper abroad than here ; as it has fostered speculation and extrava-gance which has resulted in financial panic and business depression, so that many workingmen are hunting jobs with empty stomachs and their wives and children feel the pinch of poverty, will the Republican politicians admit the truth and reform a law that produces such dire results? It is much to be feared they are wedded

to their idols, the protected interests, and their promises are a broken reed to lean on.

The Press on the Verdict.

All along there has been a fear that, ow ing to the peculiar conditions in Pennsylvania, the grafters on trial at Harrisburg would escape. There was no question about their orime. The testimony was conclusive. Frauds to the unparalleled extent of five millions of dollars were exposed. Rascality of the ugliest and most shameess kind was proven. Conspiracy was evident. And yet there was doubt until 9 ful. As it is the incident is significant only o'clock last night, when the verdict was so far as it shows what the machine politi-cians of the State "would do to KNOX," if with norestrained gratification and in their feelings all honest men of every State ances. Eighty-five acres of land have been

the last time a gang of plunderers will un dertake the pillage of a Commonwealth on so gigantic a scale. It is, too, a fine justification of the jury system. The guilty ones laughed when a wit called them the Harrisburglars. It will not seem so funny when they look back over their work from the inside of the penitentiary.

From the Evening Telegraph.

It is true that this just verdict covers but an atomic part of this astounding foray \$150 in a small tin box for safe keeping and on the public moneys, but it establishes a precedent for the thirty-eight remaining cases in which the four defendants already convicted of a conspiracy to cheat the State are, generally speaking, to be joined to ten others now under indictment. There is therefore, the prospect that this cabal of contractors and former State officers, conannumated to raid the State Treasury and take from it, through padded bills fraudulent certifications, a sum so enormous as to stagger the Commonwealth and amaze the nation, will suffer fine and imprisonment and be made to disgorge the loot in which they all must have been mutually interested. The result is a vindication of justice. It is evidence to the world that Pennsyl vania is not so corrupt and contented that she is powerless to pursue and punish her despoilers.

From the Evening Bulletin. The machinery of justice should now set in motion promptly against the rest of the indicted in order not only that those who deserve conviction may be punished, but that all the oriminal facts which are still concealed may, if possible, he brought to light. The first decisive step has been taken toward a vindication of law and pubity, but unless the Commonwealth can lie honor, but gratifying as the result is, prove his guilt, he goes free. This is a it will be incomplete without such action as will bring, in addition to penitentiary punishment to each and all of the guilty ones, a disgorgement of the stolen moneys of the Commonwealth.

These trials have taught a great lesson It is that public officials must accept office as a public trust and that they are expected to safeguard the interests of the people as they would their own private affairs Neglect in itself is a crime. Again, public ontractors are entitled to make a fair profit only. The Treasury is not to be exploited

or made the object of a raid. If this triumph of justice does nothing more than drive this lesson home a vast good will have been accomplished. But yesterday's verdict is but the beginning. son none of them ought to be enlisted in It fixes criminal responsibility. When the the army and given the use of the imple criminal cases are disposed of will come the civil suits for restoration of stolen goods. Apparently, the people are going to have their innings.

The accused have had a fair trial. They bave been vigorously and ably defended by lawyers of high rank. The verdict has been reached fairly, and cannot be regarded -The firm of Yeager & Davis, the big in any light except that of a great moral

> Justice is well served by the verdict rendered in Harrisburg last night-one of the | the Pittsburg Lumber company as rapidly as most wholesome and hopeful verdicts ever rendered in this Commonwealth. it can be turned out. The deal will give the company about \$300,000.

Spawls from the Keystone.

-Albert Batton, of Potter county, has sent a letter to President Roosevelt asking for a medal for having reared a family of twenty-

-Exceptionally well made counterfeit five-cent pieces have been passed in Birdsboro, Berks county, on merchants and others the past week

-W. B. Marsh, a prominent shoe dealer of Lewisburg, while temporarily deranged, on Thursday committed suicide by jumping into the Susquehanna river.

-A reward of \$200 for the arrest and conviction of the murderer of Mike Migliozzi, who was killed at Slate Run Saturday night, has been offered by the county commission ers of Lycoming county.

-Last week Judge Shull and his associates in the Juniata county license court refused licenses to the proprietors of the Mansion house at East Waterford, and the National house, at Mifflintown.

-The state department of agriculture advises great care in the selection of seed corn this spring, as it is estimated that not more than twenty per cent. of last year's crop in this state will germinate.

-Alfred Snyder.of Bethlehem, while taking a nap on Friday, was seized with a coughing spell, during which his false teeth lodged in his throat. It was impossible to get them out and they were forced into his stomach.

So far he suffers no inconvenience. -T. W. Moore, of Curwensville, the veteran surveyor and civil engineer, of Clearfield county, who has almost reached his 80th birthday, still attends to business and says he feels as hearty as ever he did and can run a line as straight as he could in his younger

-J. W. Musey, for a number of years a successful contractor at Blue Ridge Summit, Franklin county, was committed to jail in Chambersburg to await a hearing on the charge of stealing money and tickets from the Western Maryland railroad station at

Blue Ridge Summit. -Thousands of pounds of maple sugar and thousands of gallons of maple syrup were manufactured during the past week in Somerset county. The season opened unusually early, and it is stated that more maple products will likely be manufactured this year

than for several years past. -John R. Hunter, of Mill Hall, and Thos. Cook, of Blanchard, claim to be the champion rat killers of this section, having killed thirty four rats in fifteen minutes in the barn on James Hunter's estate, a few days ago. They were in a large box of rubbish and as they emerged were clubbed to death,

only four escaping. -The Patriotic Order Sons of America of Huntingdon have purchased a lot of ground 75 by 100 feet in size on which they will erect a modern opera house, with a seating capacity of 1,200 with galleries. The opera house will be on the first floor, and the second floor will contain rooms fitted up for the accommodation of the lodge.

-A site for their Old Folks home has been purchased by the German Baptists four miles west of Mt. Holly, Cumberland county. The place secured is the Ames Mansion which is a fine large brick house elaborately built and convenient with modern appli-

also purchased from an adjoining farm. -The quick eye and steady hand of the engineer of a Reading railway coal train saved the train from being wrecked on Saturday afternoon in Flat Rock tunnel. West Manayunk, Philadelphia, where three heavy railroad ties had been piled across the track. A similar attempt to cause a wreck was made the day before by the same person, it is believed.

-Jacob Kayle, of Uniontown, recently put hid the box in a coal bod. Later his wife emptied the contents of the hod into the stove. The bills were badly charred so they could not be used but he took them to a Uniontown bank on Wednesday and received from the treasury department \$150 in new \$5 silver certificates.

-A freight train on the Sinnamahoning division of the Buffalo and Susquehanna railroad was on Saturday struck by an avalanche near Aticks, Potter county, caused by the thaw. The engine and train were forced off the track and tumbled some distance down the mountain side. The crew escaped by jumping and running away when they saw what was coming.

-The endowment fund for the Williamsport Dickinson seminary has reached within less than \$150 of the handsome sum of \$40. 000, due to the earnest work of the Rev. A. S. Bowman, endowment secretary of the Preachers' Aid society. It was the original intention to raise an endowment fund of \$50,000 and from present indications that mount will be reached before many months. -Application has been made for the in-

corporation of the Gracey Confectionery company, to be located in Huntingdon. The incorporators are Jonn G. Giliam, Frank Westbrook, D. R. Gracey, George W. Fisher and H. M. Weaverling, the latter of Everett. It will be capitalized at \$5,000. C. C. Brewster is the solicitor. The object of the formation of the company will be for the wholesaling of confectionery, crackers, cakes and cigars. -A remarkable record is that of Mr. and

Mrs. Jonathan Neff, of Rossmoyne, South Mahoning township, Indiana county. Mr. Neff is 94 years of age and his wife, Mary Jane, is 90. Only recently they celebrated their sixty-eighth wedding anniversary. Mr. Neff has never been ill but has been declining in health the past two years. Mrs. Neff is very well preserved. Mr. Neff cast his first vote for Henry Clay for president in 1836, and has missed but two elections during the seventy-two years that he has been

-Isaac Stage, G. N. Ellenberger, L. Shapiro, E. O. Hartshorn, J. McAllister and W. E. Eilenberger, of the Broad Top Lumber company, have just closed a deal whereby they will dispose of their entire output of lumber from their holdings in Huntingdon and Bedford counties. The company has about 2800 acres of timber land in the counties mentioned, and they will cut fully 15,-000 feet of oakwood which will be taken by