## Democratic Matchman.

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-The Republican State Convention stood in Harrisburg and heard the orders from Boss PENROSE read.

-The Hon. Boise PENROSE met in Harrisburg. The function was once known as a Republican State convention.

-The Philadelphia to Pitteburg endurance runners probably prayed for air ships while they were passing over some of the roads in Centre county.

-Dayton. Ohio, has temporarily lost sight of its pride in being the home of the National cash register in the deluge of glory the WRIGHT boys have won.

-Commencement is over at the colleges. It is now real commencement for the graduates and it will not be all flowers and music and glittering generalities, either. -Well, we are not to have the carnival,

after all. It is evident that the people who wanted it did not want it enough to overcome the opposition of those who did not want it. -The advent of another good live Re-

publican paper in Bellefonte will probably not strike as much terror to the Democratio heart as it will to the one good live one already here.

July. Of course it can't be expected to be whose only reputation at the time was a sane, because everyone will be expected to willingness to obey the bosses who had sebe crazy full of enthusiasm if there is lected him. Legal proceedings were innothing better to be had.

-One of the largest lobsters taken in Maine waters in years was caught recently near Biddeford Pool. We hadn't heard that the bathing season for the fashionables down east had opened yet.

-Testimony in their divorce case brought out that in eight years HOWARD GOULD paid his wife \$775,980.00 for her personal account. Not much evidence has been developed to show that she was worth

-If any of the graduating class at State this week have heads big enough to fill the hats worn by some of the girls who attended commencement some wonderful achievements may be looked for from the class of

-If Congress doesn't harry up business will be revived before that new tariff bill is passed. It really doesn't matter much, however, for CANNON and ALDRICH will

-Those Seattle burglars who sent back to be recognized and that matter so stands fifteen thousand dollars to the party from today. whom they had stolen it for the reason that they "didn't need the money" must have been burgling just for fun. Suppose they or by any judge in any land. were! It wouldn't have been so funny had they been caught.

-Mrs. HOWARD GOULD swore she required three costume every day in order to maintain ber standing as a lady. Strange as it may seem while she was spending so much money to keep up her standing she was drinking enough liquor to knock it out from under her.

-Women prisoners have been put to work on the public rock pile at Fort the highest judicial position in the State. this proposition comes from the President Worth, Texas. It is a little tough to think of a woman breaking stones, but we are afraid to express any particular indignation for fear some of our friends will think we are furnisst women's rights.

-The agreement to impose a two per cent. tax on the capital stock of corporations has probably elmiminated the inheritance tax as a feature of the forthcoming tariff bill. As a revenue producer it might prove of advantage if the tax should be collected, but there is the rub; the col-

lection. -The Nebraska man who had so much faith in an air ship he had built that he oarried it three thousand feet high with a balloon and then cut loose didn't have much time to discover why it wouldn't fly because it fell to the earth at once, but as he wasn't killed by the fall he still has another chance to have his neck broken.

-While the JOHN ROBINSON circus is in town next Wednesday remember they are not going to sell you an elephant or the steam piano wrapped up in a five dollar bill, all for a quarter. It is a fine show, worth seeing, but remember that it is the show and not the shell games-if there should be any-that you are there to see.

-A judge in a Kansas City court discharged a prisoner the other day with the cided that the act of the Legislature instatement: "Your red hair is your salvation." The judge believed the fellow's story because he said he invariably found explicit declaration of the fundamental law lican which he recently purchased from E. red-headed persons to be truthful. Although most of ours is gone we are in a either increased or diminished during his plant will be moved into rooms up town. position to add an Amen! to this verdict of term of office.

-The Republican State convention succeeded in doing just what it had been ordered to do and just what boss PENROSE he has always been a servile slave to the thing and just as soon as a few minor alter. of men and women who are dependent upordered it to do, so everybody is correspondingly happy. Of course those Republicans who happen to be independent State Senator J. A. STOBER, of Lancaster prepared by Newman & Harris, a letting of enough to think that they should have an county, for the office of State Treasurer. the contract for the work will be made opinion of their own concerning party af- That machine creature hasn't a single and it is expected that work will be started fairs are probably not happy, but they thing to recommend him to popular sup- by about the middle of July. don't amount to anything to PENROSE ex- port and his entire record is against him. cept on election day, when he gets their votes for his candidates just the same.



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Some Difference at Least.

There are people who argue that the difference between the Republican and the Democratio parties is not sufficient to cause them to care which one wins. In some in others they are far-wondrously farapart. Take for instance the recognition and treatment of their public men who

have failed to do right. It is but a few years ago that the Legislature in defiance of one of the plainest prohibitions of the constitution increased the salaries of the Judges of the State. The anconstitutionality of the act was so apparent that the State Treasurer refused to pay the proposed increase until a judicial ecision was secured that would fauthorize him to do so. The tool selected to do this job was one ROBT VON MOSCHZISKER, an -We hope to have a safe Fourth of unknown and obscure Philadelphia judge, stituted and in less time than a skunk could befoul the atmosphere about it, a decision was handed down that the constitution didn't mean what it said, or say what it meant, when it declared that "no law shall extend the term of any public officer or increase or diminish his salary or emolument after his election or appointment. In short, Von Moschzisken decided that this constitutional prohibition didn't-that it only prevented a decrease-prohibit an in-

entire salaries named for them. Such was the feeling against this outrage on the constitution that those having the matter in charge found that Von Mosch-ZISKER'S opinion was not of sufficient weight to rest their case upon and they appealed the matter to the Supreme court. Here another tool was needed and SAMUEL GUSTIN THOMPSON, another Philadelphia lay such a duty on the glory that no one lawyer, who had loudly professed his will pursue his purpose to the end and if themselves, their children and posterity to can afford to take any of it but them. Democracy, but who had been put upon -With a forty thousand dollar water keep a vacancy open until conditions would which the Jury Commissioner is elected by lode of industrial activity the wage plant, seventy thousand dollar school warrant himself in being a candidate, was to the court house all going at the same son's opinion was handed down and it time ought to be something doing here- sustained Von Moschzisker in determin- and they will be constantly on the watch as expressed in the Dingley law. Presiabouts before fall. The wages this fall; ing that constitutional prohibitions where applied to certain public officials was not

crease and that the State Treasurer should go

ahead and pay to all judges, whether elect-

ed before the law was enacted or not, the

No more outrageous, infamous or selfish opinion was ever promulgated by any court

Shortly after this decision SAMUEL GUS-TIN THOMPSON left the bench and no Democratic convention has since recognized him as worthy of endorsement nor has any member of the party had the gall to propose him as a candidate for any honor.

He has since lived in deserved disgrace and enforced political retirement.

On the other hand Von Moschzisker

and repudiate you. Do wrong as a Repub- clared that no change in the constitution is lican while a public official and that party will bonor you for the dirty work, and position. Here, at least, is some difference.

The Republican Ticket.

The Republican State convention has shown the courage of its iniquities. It has nominated the worst ticket ever presented party. It is the ticket selected by Sepator PENROSE some weeks ago. It was believed by many that recent events would admonish the Senator against the folly he contemplated. But the action of the convention reveals the steadfastness of his purpose in evil. Nothing could divert him from his plans.

The candidate for Justice of the Supreme Court, ROBERT VON MOSCHZISKER first won the favor of ISRAEL W. DURHAM by sinister service in local politics. He earned the favor of the machine politicians throughout the State, subsequently, by last week Charles E. Dorworth will today officially declaring the constitution unconstitutional. That is, sitting on the Philadelphia Press. With Mrs. Dorworth bench of the Dauphin county court he de- and their little son they will go to Atlantic creasing the salary of the judges in com- fonte and on July first he will take possesmission was valid, notwithstanding the sion of the Daily News and Bellefonte Repubthat the compensation of no official may be C. Tuten. There is a possibility that the

Senator SISSON, the nominee for Auditor

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A Republican lawyer of Pottsville declared, the other day, that he "intends to than three months tinkering the tariff and The cause of his complaint was in the pri- ate. Meantime the industrial life of the Shenandoah, it is alleged by this legal to the burdens and indoductions of the burdens and ind they had reached the Commissioners' of ing any results that afforded relief. A fice. This condition of affairs has become make-shift measure was finally enacted and

Schnylkill County's Shame

the evil. Within a few weeks litigation which had been pending in the oriminal courts of is that the Republican party is utterly and Schuylkill county for several months, in absolutely incapable of governing the counrelation to frauds in the interest of the try. Ours is a government of parties. Party Republican candidates at the general elec- organization is necessary to achieve the retion last fall, was terminated by some sort of a compromise which approached perilously close to compounding a felony. tives of the party in the places of power are The candidates for Congress, Judge and true to their obligations we will have just several other offices were involved. Dur- and safe government no matter which party ing the hearings the gravest accusations is in power. The failure of the Republiwere made, not only against the candi- can party, therefore, to fulfill its obligadates but against the chairman of the tions to the people is evidence of the incounty committee and other party man- capacity of the party to govern for the reaings brought the accused within the shad- to represent it. This is a self-evident proppolitics oozed out at the finger tips of the it. If the representatives of the party in reformers and they were taken with what Congress were capable of performing the may be properly characterized as "cold duties which their election devolved upon feet." They didn't want to punish any- them they would be able to enact such body or even correct the faults of their legislation as is necessary in every emer-

In the case in point, however, it is to be hoped that Lawyer WILLIAM WILHELM of a party and it is their duty both to be is a reputable lawyer this expectation turn out a party which has proved incomthe bench by Governor PENNYPACKER to is likely to be fulfilled. What show has petent. It has been estimated fraud? He will be bound to serve those of the country are robbed of a million dolwho procured his election by such methods for opportunities to reimburse themselves for the money spent in procuring the fraud- that the industrial life of the country is ulent votes and corrupt results. Besides Schuylkill county is becoming infamous the failure to enact new tariff legislation. on account of its corrupt politics and it is The Republican party is responsible alike the duty of every citizen to join in an effort to purge it of this shame. We cannot submit that it is time to turn such a party believe that the people of that county are in sympathy with such processes but unless something is done to prove the contrary the suspicion will be justified.

## An Obvious Subterfuge.

The obvious purpose of the Republica n managers in Washington to adopt a resolution proposing an amendment to the conwas on Wednesday last unanimously made stitution authorizing Congress to levy a the candidate of the Republican party for tax on income, is delay. It is said that MORAL-Do wrong as a Democrat while but we can bardly credit that statement. public official and the party will denounce During the campaign President TAFT de.

necessary to make an income tax law valid. For some reason "the interests" have when opportunity offers give you a better set their faces against an income tax. They seem willing to accept any alternative, and various methods of raising revenue have been proposed with the view of diverting the public inclination from that form of tax, Thus far little result has been achieved in this direction, however. The advocates of for the suffrages of the people by any tion and the purpose has been multiplying in popular favor.

But there is grave danger in this last scheme. The late Mr. BANUM said the people like to be fooled and he was right. This attempt to fool them, therefore, may succeed. It holds out a vague promise which will dandle in the public view for some years and then be forgotten. If the Democratio and insurgent Senators are wise they will not be deceived by such an apparent subterfuge.

-As anaounced in the WATCHMAN

-The remodeling of the present Cen-General, may lay some claim to respecta- tre county court house and the building of bility. His private life has been clean but an addition thereto, is now an assured machine. But the "crowning atrocity" of ations, as suggested by the county comrecent politics is the nomination of former missioners, can be made in the plans as

very generally observed in Bellefonte.

Congress has been in session for more maries of his own party. In the borough of country has been in a state of paralysis be. Shenandoah, it is alleged by this legal cause of the burdens and incongruities of was entitled to and it is also charged that months monkeying with financial legislathe returns were altered in his favor after tion and finally adjourned without achievintolerable, the lawyer in question states, approved by ROOSEVELT but even its and the proceedings he contemplates are to sponsors laughed at its absurdities. It be undertaken in the hope of correcting neither restored confidence nor afforded re-

Incapable of Governing.

lief of any kind. The lesson to be drawn from these facts sults of government. The people are intelligent and patriotic. If the representaagers. But the moment that the proceed- son that it is incapable of selecting fit men ow of the penitentiary, the zeal for pure osition and needs no argument to support

> The people suffer from the delinquencies est Republican authority that during perdent TAPT is authority for the statement losing ten million dollars a day because of for this robbery and this vast loss and we out and put in its place one the competency of which has been amply proved. It is not only a right to do this but it is the duty of the people.

> > Tax on Corporate Dividends.

That the Republicans in Congress intend to put a considerable tax on dividends of corporations is now obvious. The pending tariff bill will be a flat failure as a revenue measure, though it vastly increases the tariff tax rates, and the necessity of increasing the revenues has driven them to this expedient. The suggestion was made by President TAFT some time ago but received little attention. This gave the advocates of an income tax the arguments they want-

ed. The alternatives of ourtailing expenses or adding to the revenues being present, the so-called senatorial insurgents pressed their points with such vigor and pertinacity, that even Senator ALDRICH was compelled to take notice. His adoption of the TAFT notion to tax dividends is the result.

As we have frequently pointed out, an ncome tax would be the least burdensome levy that could be devised, for the reason, mainly, that it is a tax on wealth rather than one on poverty. The same result might be achieved, it is true, by imposing a graduated tax on corporation dividends. By that we mean such a tax as contained an exemption clause of say \$200,000. Such an exemption would limit the operations of the measure to the large and wealthy corporations, and save the struggling industrial concerns from a burden which must necessarily be oppressive and in many instances might prove confiscatory. But Senator ALDRICH has no "bowels of compassion" for the small concerns. His idea is to make the tax upon them so burdensome as to compel an early repeal and thus relieve the larger concerns from a tax they

could easily pay. In every community there are small manufacturing corporations which are essential to the social and industrial life of the people. They are capitalized at small mounts but even at that they are too large for individual undertakings. The proposed tax on the dividends of such concerns would simply ruin them and the thousands on their activities for employment and revenues would be left in dispair. This would be cruel beyond expression and in every respect unwise. But Senator AL-DRICH and his Republican associates in Congress are willing to impose this outrage upon the country in order to shield the -Monday was flag day but it was not multi-millionaires from a fair share of the bardens of government.

Partyism Assailed by its Friends.

From the Pittsburg Sun. Senator Cummins, of Iowa, did the counask the court to investigate fraud at the primaries on June 5 and if possible secure has passed the House of Representatives of the Republican platform, which his things the differing may not be much but in others they are far—wondrously far—missioners for misdemeanor in office." sential particulars, is pending in the Senten Democrate in the Senate repudiating their party platform in voting on schedule in which their districts are supposedly in terested. But none of them have commit

recrimination in both Houses, has been the conclusive demonstration to the people that the majority of the politicians of both parties have no regard whatever for plat-

forms or pledges.

It has long been demonstrated in city and state affairs that there is little difference between the "practical" men of the two parties when they once get into office. There is no party in graft and extravagance with them, as in Congress there seems to be no party lines where privilege is con-

Government by party, the prestige if no

Do the people want this sort of thing to go on to its logical end? Will they permit themselves, without resenting it, to be de-nied, defied, diedained as they now are by men like Aldrich and Cannon, conspionous representatives of ring and rotten borough

Are the traditions and usefulness of th

two great parties to be thus secretly de-

stroyed by those who openly endeavor to build up an aristocracy of privilege, a sys-tem whereby the few may win profligate wealth off the many? These are questions which the tariff de-bates provoke. These are issues which

machine rule in States and cities has precipitated. Is the country content to lapse into a political chaos of revolt and fluctuating,

political chaos of revolt and fluctuating, feverish independence, and hence irregularity of political action, or will the people insist that parties shall pledge themselves defluitely to certain policies and then summarily terminate the careers of those pubmen who repudiate the platforms on

What the Aldrich Tariff Will Does

In its general average the Payne house According to Mr. Payne's own figuers the house bill raises the tax on luxuries and necessities combined from 44.16 to 45.72. According to Senator Aldrich's own figures the senate bill will leave the necessities about where they are, from the standpoint of the general average, but he has raised the equivalent ad valorem tax on luxuries from 52 07 to 55 49.

There is no visible prospect of any material reduction in the tariff on the things to wear, either for men, women or children, with the single exception of shoes. The conference of the two houses will

have jurisdiction only of the things in dispute between the two legislative branch-Therefore, it may be put down as a moral certainty that the tariff bill which will be adopted in conference and sent to President Taft for his signature will contain, on an average, higher rates than the

Mr. Taft, according to Washington advices, while displeased with the existing tariff situation, is privately expressing con-fidence that a satisfactory bill will be fixed up in conference. There appears to be no basis for such hope. Has Mr. Taft been hypnotized by Senator Aldrich, or is it possible that Mr. Taft is prepared to approve as "satisfactory" a bill which will be a virtual repudiation of the party's platform promise and the president's own pledge?

Another Flank Movement,

From the Pittsburg Post. Senator Aldrich's appropriation of the Democratic income tax amendment plank is not the first of such strategy by Republicans at bay in their service to privilege. Evidently the anti-income tax forces in the

The proposed Democratic income tax amendment to the constitution is only an alternative in case the supreme court adheres to its remarkable wabbling four by five divided decision on the question the last time it considered the matter. It will take a number of years to get any amendment through. It need not take a year to

find out whether it is necessary. If the Aldrich scheme is not a play for delay, is made in good faith, a thing hard to believe considering its source, then let Congress propose an income tax amend. she received severe bruises and cuts. Crawl-ment and in the mean time put the best ing to a porch she swooned and was found. ome tax law it is capable of framing squarely up to the Supreme court. If that body accepts it, the amendment movement won't be needed. If not, no harm will have been done, and much valuable time will have been saved.

Tea Farming in Tillman's State.

From the Norfolk Virginian-Pilot. sural department, which operates an experiment station in connection with it, and so lessens the expense of conducting it. The total output of this farm, after twenty The proposition, then, is to tax the millions of domestic consumers \$10,000,000 deal was consumated in the Philadelphia of-greatly in order that the profits of this lone South Carolina plantation may be increased one thousand. That's all.

Spawls from the Keystone

-The Lock Haven lodge of Elks has decided to buy the homestead residence of the late Simon Scott, and convert it into a palatial club house. It is said to be a most desirable location.

-The Geiser shops, of Waynesboro, went on eleven hours a day yesterday. Last month more than 100 traction engines, with a large quantity of other machinery, was sold by this concern.

-Mrs. Frank David laid a pocketbook containing \$400 down in Uniontown on a watering trough and walked away without it. When she returned for it it was gone. Detectives are tracing it.

-Henry Clay Frick is preparing to present to the city of Pittsburg a new park embracing 100 acres. It is known as the Gunn Hill tract and is located in the eastern part of the Twenty-Second ward.

-The H. C. Frick Coke company is about to fire 2,000 additional coke ovens in the Klondyke and Connellsville regions, and it is expected by July 1 every oven owned by the company will be in blast.

-Captain Alexander McMichaels, of Port Perry, Allegheny county, was beaten to death and robbed near his home last Saturday night. He had gone out for a short walk and was evidently attacked soon after. -Lewis C. Corbin, of Juniata township, Huntingdon county, has bought back the farm for \$3,000, which two years ago he sold to the Juniata Hydro-Electric company for \$5,500. The company retains the water right.

-Maynard Hostrander, an insane inmate of the county jail at Williamsport, set fire to his cell on Monday and was nearly suffocated. Charles Seitzer, the son of Sheriff Seitzer, dragged the man into a corridor and saved his life.

-The annual meeting of the Pennsylvania Bar association will be held at Bedford the existence of a wholesome partisanship, Bar association will be held at Bedford is now undergoing the severest shocks it Springs on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thurshas ever had to encounter. Party platforms day, June 29th and 30th and July 1st. A are becoming lengthy, hollow sounding number of attorneys from Bellefonte will attend its sessions

-The work on the C. and M. division of the B. R. and P. railroad, near DuBois, is progressing very rapidly, and is being rushed with a double force of workmen. This work, when completed, will take a mile kink out of the track.

-D. Ross Gregory, of Petersburg, Saturday shipped a car load of wheat to Bellefonte, at the high price of \$1.50 a bushel. He tells of about fifteen years ago selling a load at \$1.40 a bushel, but Saturday's shipment

-After listening to an affecting address by the Rev. W. D. Lomison over a score of inmates of the Schuylkill county jail, at Pottsville, agreed to plead guilty at the approaching term of court. thus saving the county the expense of trying them.

-The case of Carrie E. Potts, who murdered Lizzie Jones, at Williamsport, on May 13, will be tried in September. The Potts woman made a statement that she had no money to employ counsel to defend herself, and the court appointed N. M. Edwards to take the

-While climbing a telegraph pole along the Lewes road, John McGregor, a lineman, of State College, found himself face to face with a six foot black snake. He was so startled that he fell to the ground and while not seriously injured, is pretty badly bruised. The snake was shot.

-At a recent meeting of the Business Men's association at Jersey Shore, it was decided to observe the early closing hour in their stores, beginning this week. Every night excepting Saturday nights and the three nights following each pay day, the stores will close at 6 o'clock.

-The Clearfield Water company has planned to spend thousands of dollars in the construction of two new reservoirs. The larger one will have a capacity of 16,000,000 gallons and will be built within 800 feet of the dam on Moose Creek. The other reservoir will have a capacity of 2,000,000 gallons,

-The Woman's Foreign Missionary society of the Methodist Episcopal church within the bounds of the Central Pennsylvania conference has been holding its convention at Berwick. It was reported that there was given for missionary work during the last year \$5,670 and that 867 new members have been added.

-A monster mushroom was found on an Allegheny county farm by the farm's owner, Dr. Allen F. Willet. It measured 221 by 32 inches and is 9 inches thick. It weighed over 33 pounds. Dr. W. J. Holland says it is of an established species known as the polyporous, of an edible species and palatable in its raw state.

-Chief Factory Inspector Delaney has just made public his annual report. He says the Senate are not sure of a majority and hence new child labor act, which will go into effect resort to anything to escape defeat.

January 1, 1910, is a great improvement over January 1, 1910, is a great improvement over previous statutes. The statistical section shows that last year 611,324 males and 200,-079 females were listed in the industrial and mercantile establishments of the state, of whom 32,043 were minors.

-Her hair catching in the shaft of a power driven washing machine at her home near Portersville, Butler county, on Monday, Mrs. John L. Marshall was literally scalped. Her clothes were torn from her body and she received severe bruises and cuts. Crawlby her father. Physicians were called and the scalp, found in the cellar, was replaced. The woman's condition is considered serious.

-The Huntingdon Old Home Week association is bending its energies to making the week of September 5-11, one of the notable ones in the history of the mother county. That week has been named Old Home Week and six days of pleasure are being mapped The proposed protective tariff on tea becomes laughable when it is considered that there is only one tea farm within Senator Tillman's jurisdiction, and this is kept going only through the aid of the agricultural department which constants are supported by the different committees. There will be parades, addresses, music, fireworks, sports, contests of various kinds and in fact a program will be presented which will be interesting from start to finish teresting from start to finish.

-The entire stock of the Mifflin County Gas and Electric company has been purchased by a firm under the name of the Utilities years of experimentation, amounts to approximately 10,000 pounds annually. The total consumption of tea in the United States is about 100,000,000 pounds a year. istown and Reedsville Electric company, the