

BY P. GRAY MEEK.

INK SLINGS.

-ST. SWITHIN, as a rain maker, seems to have the goods on all the other fellows who have tried it this season.

-As Daffy Dill would say: If a Democrat goes down to the Shore to Sea Girt this summer would he see WOOD-ROW

-Are you on the WILSON band wagon yet? Better get on early for the S. R. O. sign will be hung out after while, sure enough.

-The King of Spain recently stopped a runaway horse thereby probably saving the life of one of the generals in his army. Every once in a while something crops out to show that there is some use for Kings.

-The crickets are chirping, some of the farmers are at their fall plowing, soon Democratic State platform a promise fair time will be here and then it will be back to the snow shovel for the poor fellow who is still wearing the blisters that the lawn mower has made on his Democratic State committee passed a

bers of Congress on Governor WILSON Legislature to endorse and aid in carrylast Saturday was simply a preliminary ing out every pledge made to the people affair. After the 4th of next March they in that platform. will be officially and socially bound to call on him at the White House, Washington, D. C.

-The cotton States of the South are boll weevil and reading accounts of the paying for nearly a million of the bugs by one set of cotton brokers down there retomato can in the hand we sallied forth to the potato patch with visions of future it would require them to become state per hundred

-National chairman HERMAN RIDDER'S statement before the Congressional investigation committee that "good" Tammany men contributed \$10,000 to the BRYAN campaign in 1908 throws an interesting side-light on some of Mr. BRYAN's remarks at Baltimore. Probably it there had been more "good" Tammany men in 1908 there would have been less vituperation at Baltimore in 1912.

-A Boston, Mass., woman has a chicken hen that is twenty-one years old and still laying eggs. Inasmuch as this extremely ancient chicken is named for no less a celebrity than the once noted BELVA LOCKWOOD of course it is to be expected that it acquire fame in some way and we trust that it will not come to the inglorious end of being a side partner with a stack of waffles at a church sup-

-The action of Supt. GEORGE JACKSON, of the Lukens Iron and Steel Co., of a day, was indeed sensational. But do you think it was half so much so as was the action of more than a hundred of the human derelicts there in following him White House knitting from this time on to Coatesville to work and make a new and let his party managers run the cambeginning in life.

--- Dauphin county Democrats, if they don't have much of an organization or of public sentiment. much of a party, at least boast of having agreed upon new rules for the government of such as they do have. And its about the first thing we have ever known | Saturday evening Mr. EUGENE V. DEBS, them to agree upon. All of which shows the candidate of the Socialist party for FLINN's plan of stealing the electoral vote that they too are progressing in these President, denounced with equal venom of Pennsylvania. He vehemently prodays when the political "flesh pots" are and vehemence all the other candidates tested that he wouldn't consent, but has beginning to cast their shadows so gen- for the office. WILSON and TAFT were yielded. It is an immoral proposition, he erally over the entire land.

time ago, Woodrow Wilson characterized porate cormorants, but that was not sur- quire the sacrifice of honor and he is equal Congress as a "mass meeting of more or prising. It has been Mr. DEBS' custom to the emergency. The Bull Moose party less idle persons." While there are very to traduce all who believe in law and will masquerade in the livery of the Refew, outside of the Congressmen themselves, who will take any exception, what- patriotic citizens. But what excuse is tervenes to prevent it. The Republican ever, to such a definition of that body the there for an attack upon the head of the organization will do all it can to defeat Hon. Woodrow will have to revise it Bull Moose party from his point of view? the Republican ticket but the plan, if it somewhat after he has been made Presi. Mr. ROOSEVELT has done nothing in re- is feasible under the law, will make it dent because we don't expect him to permit Congress to remain idle one moment.

-Some of our esteemed contemporaries are taking trouble and space to explain why QUAY and PLATT were for ROOSEVELT for Vice President in 1900. It is a useless expenditure of time and energy. They were for ROOSEVELT for the same reason that they were for others whom they favored. They knew they could depend upon ROOSEVELT to serve them and they reckoned accurately. ROOSEVELT gave QUAY a free hand to trade public patronage for political favors whenever QUAY deemed it expedient. Mr. JOHN P. ELKIN, now a justice on the Supreme bench of Pennsylvania, can verify this fact.

duct of the Democratic campaign in the law. State next fall lies with the Reorganizers. Under the circumstances, therefore, But we will be greatly surprised if They have complete and undisputed con- DEBS has no moral right to attack ROOSE- President TAFT and the leaders of the trol of the party organization and it is VELT. If he is sincere in the advocacy of Republican party of the State will assent up to them to make good the promises the policies he professes to support, he to this perversion of power and prostitualready given the Democratic voters of must of necessity support Roosevelt and tion of authority. The Republican electhe State. However hard they try they we are confident that before the Ides of tors are morally bound to vote for the cannot do this without the cordial and November he will be proclaiming his Republican candidates for President and enthusiastic support of the "Old Guard." allegiance to that windy demagogue. Vice President and unless we are gravely They are entitled to this support since Naturally Mr. DEBS is a trifle jealous of mistaken the legal obligation is equally we are all, after all, striving for the su- the main Bull Moose at present for after clear. Candidates for elector who cannot premacy of Democracy and the WATCH- years of strife for the principles he finds comply with this obligation may resign MAN hopes that no feeling of pique, ani- them stolen by this ambitious adventurer. in order that their places may be filled mosity or jealousy will withhold any of But upon sober, second thought DEBS with men who can. But they have no it. It would serve the purpose better, will bury his jealousy, pocket his disap- right to run as the candidates of one however, if some of the Reorganizers pointment and call upon his friends to party and cast their votes, if elected, for party worse than it has been.

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Not For It By a Long Shot.

Evidently our "progressive" friends, who have undertaken to re-habilitate the entire country and are now fully impressed with the belief that they have saved the Democratic party from committing hari-kari, have "bitten off more than they will be able to chew." By that, "no appropriations of state funds shall be made except for purely state controlled resolution requiring a pledge from every

This would put every Democrat elected to either the Senate or House of Representatives in direct opposition to any appropriation for any local hospital or a paying a premium for the capture of the public charity other than those under the absolute control of the state authorities.

It would deny to all local hospitals or minds us of the days when with an old been receiving, and which they have so wealth through picking bugs at five cents institutions and thus prevent their own he declared that "no man could be a people having either control, or oversight over them.

It would, in fact, change hundreds state institutions, with high priced officials doctors,etc,,or deny them any aid whatever from the State; and would impose upon the various localities the entire expense of maintaining these much needed and highly deserving charities.

To have them turned into the latter, would be an excuse for the appointment, by the State Machine, of another and additional army of paid officials and emplovees in the management of the State's charities, just as it now has in its departments of health, of roads, of game,

Surely this is not what the people or the taxpayers would want, or what the interests of the public demand; but it is what the "progressives" propose.

For one the WATCHMAN can be counted out when it comes to the endorsement of Coatesville, in going into a slum mission this kind of "progressiveness," and this in Philadelphia and offering permanent kind of work intended to strenghten and able to Democrats. employment to every man there at \$1.75 extend the power of the Machine, even to our local charities.

> -TAFT is going to attend to the paign. Manifestly Mr. TAFT has been listening to the voice of the wild waves

Debs Will be for Roosevelt

In a speech delivered somewhere last tion of being denounced by DEBS.

As a matter of fact ROOSEVELT is at he cares for. -The entire responsibility for the con- has some respect for the fundamental the processes were notoriously immoral.

anarchy.

Tariff for Protection Tolerable.

The esteemed New York World takes exception to the language of the tariff plank of the Baltimore convention and urges Governor WILSON to repudiate it in his letter of acceptance of the nomination for President. The plank reads: "We declare it to be a fundamental principle some means or other they got into the of the Democratic party that the federal government, under the constitution, has no right or power to impose or collect tariff duties except for the purpose of charities," and at the last meeting of the revenue." Our New York contemporary declares that "this is absolutely false. The Democratic party has no such fundamental -That call of the Democratic mem- Democratic candidate for Senate and the principle and never did have. It has never been a free trade party. All of its tariff bills, including those vetoed last year and those now pending, have recognized the theory of protection."

Of course the Democratic party "has never been a free trade party." Free trade, literally, would prevent the collection of tariff duties even for the purpose of revenue. But "tariff for revenue only," as it was happily phrased by the late Mr. charities the little state aid they have SAMUEL J. TILDEN, has always been a fundamental principle of the Democratic greatly needed and so much deserved, or party. The late Judge JEREMIAH S. BLACK expressed the true Democratic idea when Democrat and a Protectionist." JEFFERson abhorred the idea of tariff taxation for the purpose of protection and every of local charities, now conducted without real Democrat from his time to the prescost for management or oversight, into ent entertains the same opinion on the subject. In any aspect tariff for protection means taxing some in order to bestow favors on others.

Any tariff tax is likely to carry with it some measure of protection. However low the schedule it is practically certain to benefit the domestic manufacturer of the product taxed. But there is no reason in that fact for burning down the custom houses or throwing the ports of the country open to the products of the world. The fathers of the Republic enacted tariff legislation for the reason that taxes thus collected cost less for collection than any other and in most instances are less burdensome. But that is only true when the tariff legislation is for revenue and not for protection. When tariff taxes are levied for protection they become a source of infinite harm and rank injustice and because of that intoler-

a hero the other day when after being thrown out of his automobile he saved the Bull Moose convention. The hotel the life of a man in a buggy. But anybody could have done what the Senator did on that occasion. What LORIMER did that was really heroic was going up against the vote of the Senate, knowing that it would be adverse to him, when he might have side-stepped it by resigning.

Roosevelt Agrees to Flinn's Scheme.

Colonel ROOSEVELT has consented to Mr. denounced as instruments of the pred- admits, but he needs the votes. It in--In one of his books, published some atory interests and agents of the cor- volves shameless perfidy but exigencies reorder and live the life of prudent and publican organization unless the law incent years to entitle him to the distinc- possible for ROOSEVELT to get the electoral vote of Pennsylvania and that is all delegation for BRYAN, and was in the

this moment a more radical Socialist | We are not surprised at this solution of than DEBS ever pretended to be. The the problem. We were not deceived by platform of the Michigan Bull Moose ROOSEVELT's protest against the immoral-VELT and carried to Jackson, Michigan, immoral for ROOSEVELT if it helps where the convention was held by Sena- ROOSEVELT. In 1904 he bargained with tor Dixon, embodies all the heresies HARRIMAN for corruption funds while he which DEBS has been advocating for was denouncing HARRIMAN as "a maleyears and others "never dreamed of in factor of great wealth." In 1902 he perhis philosophy." It not only demands mitted QUAY to bribe delegates in the the initiative and referendum in state and Republican State convention with federal national affairs but the recall of federal patronage because QUAY was promoting and state judges and the recall of judicial his political ambitions and personal indecisions whether of one court or the terests. Such a man would not be likely other. Debs never went so far as that to balk at FLINN's plan to steal the elecbut DEBS, with all his faults and follies, toral vote of Pennsylvania even though

Such a man would balk at nothing. rather than try to shoot up their own who has out-DEBSed DEBS in promoting managers should see that none but Republicans are on guard.

First Campaign Lie Nailed.

Governor WILSON has finally settled the absurd fabrication of the Republican press to the effect that he is hostile to the admission of desirable immigrants from Europe. In his "History of the American People," Mr. WILSON made reference to "undesirable immigrants" who come from Southern Europe and refer red to the danger possible from the settlement of criminals from the slums of Europe in this country. This very commendable view of the subject has been perverted by malicious newspapers into a declaration of hostility to immigrants generally and since his nomination the Republican committees have been sending circulars by the thousands to Hungarians, Poles and Italians.

The other day Mr. GEZA KENDE, editor of the Magyar Nepsvava, published in New York, called upon Governor WILSON to discuss the subject with him. The result was quite as surprising to the Governor as it was satisfactory to his visitor. The Governor had had no previous information on the subject and wasn't aware that such accusations were being made against him. On the other hand the visiting editor's mind was completely disabused of the wrong impression which had been conveyed to him and he was gratified to find in the scholarly statesman a man of the broadest mind and most tolerant ideas. He left Sea Girt not only convinced that Governor Wilson had been maligned but that he is a genuine friend of worthy immigrants.

"I favor only such regulation of immigration," Governor WILSON said to Mr. KENDE, "as will help the health and moral conditions of the United States." In a formal statement subsequently made for publication in Mr. KENDE's paper, Govthe reasonable restriction, of immigration, but not in any restrictions which will exclude from the country honest, in-America has always offered-an asylum for those who seek a free field." He continued: "Any one who has the least lenowledge of Hungarian history must feel that that stock has proved itself on the side of liberty and opportunity." Thus the first lie of the campaign is poiled.

In owledge of Hungarian history must its subsidiaries have enjoyed one of the most prosperous years in their history.

The price increases will be purely arbitrary. The only excuse for them is the husband approaching, then falling under a huge he first lie of the campaign is nailed.

-The Chicago hotel men are in dis--Senator LORIMER acted the part of | pair because there is no unusual demand for accommodations during the week of From Harper's Weekly. men have come to expect a vast crowd whenever ROOSEVELT appears. But conditions are changing. In a short time nobody will care a straw where ROOSE-VELT goes or what he does

Tammany Contributed to Bryan.

According to the testimony of HERMAN RIDDER, who was treasurer of the Democratic National committee during the latter part of the campaign of 1908, the TAMMANY Society of New York contributed \$10,000 to the BRYAN campaign fund, with the knowledge and est obligation to any man or group of consent of Mr. BRYAN. At that time Mr. CHARLES P. MURPHY was the head of the TAMMANY organization, as he is now. In the Denver convention of that year Mr. Murphy controlled the war Mr. Murphy controlled the vote of the New York delegation just as he did that of the same delegation in Baltimore a month ago. There was some difference, however. In the Denver convention Mr. MURPHY cast the vote of the 'odor of sanctity."

Four years ago, according to the evidence of Mr. RIDDER, BRYAN with much ostentation promulgated a rule that no convention, which was written by Roose- ity of the scheme. There is nothing too individual could contribute more than \$10,000 to the campaign fund. But toward the close of the campaign, when the bank balance was running low, Mr. BRYAN consented to contributions of \$9,000 each from Mr. RIDDER's three sons, though he knew that the money came from Mr. RIDDER himself, who had already contributed \$10,000. That was a technical compliance with the rule but a moral and actual violation of it. The acceptance of a contribution from TAM-MANY Hall was a violation of every principle of morality in view of Mr. BRYAN'S estimate of the TAMMANY organization.

Isn't it about time that the Democratic party cuts itself loose from this political pharisee? In the Baltimore convention he created a disturbance, not for the purpose of setting a high moral standard for the body, not with the view of promoting the nomination of WILSON, but with the idea in mind that out of the confusion he might be able to force himself upon the party as its candidate. As long as he lives, unless the grip he seems to have upon a large body of good Democrats is loosened, he will be a disturber of the harmony and a menace to the success of utation for bad faith. the Democratic party. Happily in the trained their guns on the common enemy | rally to Roosevelt, the only living man | the nominees of another. President TAPT'S | Baltimore convention | his intrigue worked no harm. But it may not be harmless true. And not only true, but it's all another time.

Trusts Preparing Again to Gouge the Consumer.

From the Johnstown Democrat

The cost of living is to go still higher. Convinced that a Democratic administration is coming into power, and knowing that this administration will revise the tariff downward, the preying trusts are getting ready to make a last, final gouge nto the pocketbooks of the consumers. Already the shoe and clothing wholesalers in the big centers of the east have informed their customers that an increase in price may be expected in the fall. Clothing manufacturers—which means the Cotton and Woolen Trusts—have lifted their prices for next spring's deliveries all the way from 72 cents to 20 cents a yard above the prices that prevailed

The owners of the woolen mills, in explaining the necessity for the increase in prices, have given it out that there is be a wool shortage this year, not only at home, but in the wool-producing foreign nations. The only evidence of this shortage, however, is in the minds of the Wool Trust owners. No domestic shortage is reported in the United States department of agriculture reports, and as very little is imported to this country anyway, it is hard to understand why a shortage abroad should effect prices here even if

such a shortage existed. The mill owners also say that the increase will be brought about by increased wages. In this connection it will be re-called that the last increase in prices of clothing was attributed to that cause. Clothing prices this year are 15 per cent higher than they were a year ago, due, the Wool Trust owners say, to the necessity of meeting the demands of the strikers at Lawrence, Mass., and other centers. The wages of these workers were increased 5 per cent, and as the price increase to meet this was 15 per cent, the

handsome profit out of the strike.

The Leather Trusts, which is owned by the beef packers, is trying to fix the blame for increased leather prices on the pop-ularity of automobiles. The automobile makers use so much leather, the trust officials say, that there is no way out of ernor WILSON added that he believes "in it except for them to raise prices. Accordingly it is announced on good authority that all shoe prices will be advanced 20

per cent this fall. Government officials in a position to dustrious men who are seeking what know say that neither of these excuses will hold water. It is pointed out that just as the prices of clothing have gone up the mill dividends have increased. It also is known that the Beef Trust and all

The Points of Advantage.

No Democratic national canvass since Jackson's has been inaugurated more auspiciously. The points of vantage may be summarized briefly as follows: A Democratic year. The people are disgusted with the Republican party and

eager for a change.

Disruption of the opposition. An open and honest convention. In marked contrast with the doings at Chicago, there was at Baltimore no arbitrary action on behalf of one candidate, no suggestion of bribery in the interest of another.

sharply drawn between excessive protection and a revenue tariff. An unpledged candidate. Nobody pre-tends that Mr. Wilson is under the slight-

men for his nomination. Elimination of bosses. So far from catering to those accustomed to control, Mr.

peal was to public opinion. Independent support. Almost without exception the powerful public journals have already pledged the exercise of their utmost endeavors on behalf of the Demo-

cratic standard bearer.

Moral sentiment. The widespread revulsion of conscientious citizens against political depravity which Roosevelt has tried with consummate skill to capitalize for his advancement now inures to the advantage of Gov. Wilson to the great

relief of millions who distrusted Roosevelt, but knew not where else to turn. A vivid personality. Mr. Wilson has demonstrated matchless power of effective appeal to the masses generally and to active, enthusiastic younger men in particular. This means that his canvass will be surcharged with the same electrical, persuasive energy which achieved his nomi-

Panama Canal Tolls.

From the Chicago Public.

Something very like pettifogging is the position of the United States government with reference to the discriminatory tolls at the Panama canal. This canal is either an international enterprise managed by the American government for the general good on equal terms, or it is a national enterprise for national benefit and that it is the latter the American Government as not the face to claim. Then the American government must concede it to be the former. But if it is the former, if that canal is an international affair, the whole carrying trade through the canal.

Harrison struck the ground the entaged bull attacked him with his hoofs and continued the attack, as his victim, his intestines trailing along

-If you see it in the WATCHMAN, it's

SPAWLS FROM THE KEYSTONE.

-The State fish hatchery at Spruce Creek has been re-stocked, proof positive that it will not b bandoned this year.

-Forest rangers have seen panthers near Jersey Shore, and several cows belonging to Salla-dasburg citizens have been killed by the wild

-John Anderson, aged 58 years, while watching an amateur baseball game at Renovo, was hit behind the ear by a ball and fell dead. No blame attached to the boys. -A bill for a federal building at Lock Haven,

introduced by Congressman W. B. Wilson, has been approved and will be included in a favorable report to Congress in December. -Samuel Pool, of New Stanton, Westmoreland

ounty, has been cultivating frogs for some years-He expects to market a thousand this season and refutes State Zoologist Surface's declaration that frogs are not a profitable crop. -A locomotive baggage car and coach of the

Eagles Mere railroad has been seized and will be sold within a month unless the company pays a fine of \$1,000 for failure to file report of the earnings of and pay corporation tax. -The Pennsylvania State Health departmen has decided to purchase two large automo-

trucks for use between Mont Alto station and the State Tuberculosis sanitorium. The trucks will be used for hauling coal and other supplies. -David Dunbaugh, of Selinsgrove, ninety-one years old, a carpenter, this summer dug his own garden, a large one, using a spade he used in help

ing to dig out the old Pennsylvania Canal in 1833

when he was yet a boy, but could do a man't

-The Berwind-White company has offered and the school board at Windber has accepted the gift of a swimming pool, to be placed in the basement of the new High school building at that place. Excavating for the foundation of th building is well under way.

-Harry Weber, of Philipsburg, while investi gating electric wires to find the cause of the fire put his hand on a live one. A companion, after being shocked, grabbed a stool and knocked the wire loose. Weber was badly burned and was resuscitated with difficulty.

-Theodore Steigleman, of Conemaugh, aged 55 years, went fishing a few days ago and was using a steel fishing rod. Just as he climbed a wire fence he was struck by lightning and his body was found, badly burned. His wife and

twelve children are prostrated -In the arrest of Herman and Otto Ross, of Johnstown the police believe they have solved the mystery of a long series of thefts of tools-carpenter's, plasterer's, mason's, etc. A squabble between the brothers led to their arrest and quite

a quantity of plunder was found at the home. -Latrobe had a sensation a few nights ago, as a result of which constable T. Kelly is under arrest for feloniously shooting Dora McKee. He had been at her home where an altercation occurwool mill owners are already making a red and he claims that she shot herself in a tussle for the revolver. She was shot in the neck

but is likely to recover. -W. F. Jacoby and Isaac C. Weber, trading as W. F. Jacoby & Co., bituminous coal operators in the Clearfield region, have filed suit against the Pennsylvania Railroad company in the United States court to collect \$27,332.55, which was awarded to them by the interstate commerce

nmission on March 11. -The Riley medal for the longest continu service of any officer or member of the National Guard of Pennsylvania at the time of a division encampment, will be given this week to General J. Lewis Good, of Philadelphia. The General is one of the best-known men in the Guard and commanded the First Regiment and the First

port, standing in the door of her cabin, saw her tree. Hastily getting a rifle, she shot twice, the second shot killing the beast. Then she shot sev. eral times into the air to attract nearby campers. and fainted. Help came quickly.

-Last fall Sunbury Socialists elected four of the five school directors of that town. Recently they read the gentlemen out of the party for failure to comply with their wishes. They wanted the treasurer, who serves without pay, set out and one elected at a salary, which it was expected he would spend for the benefit of the party. The directors thought it their duty to stand by the interests of the public.

-Fire that broke out in the Cold Spring brewery, owned by J. & A. Moschlin, at Sunbury, early Monday morning, caused damage amounting to \$75,000 before the firemen succeeded in getting the flames under control. The main building The main issue. At last the line is was saved, but the boiler house, ice manufacturing plant and bottling house were burned. The insurance on the buildings expired last Saturday and it was the intention of the owners to have it renewed on Monday.

> -Z. O. Moyer, of Mount Carmel, died in the Shamokin hospital Monday, following a motorcy cle accident Sunday evening between Elysburgand Bear Gap. He and a friend were riding their machines in company. The road was wet from the rain. In making a sharp turn Moyer's cycle skidded and slid over the edge of a steep embank ment, carrying Moyer along to the bottom. He was hurriedly taken to the hospital but remained unconscious until he died.

-Owners of the field of 9,000 acres of coal land in Cambria and Indiana counties which was optioned in May by Webster Griffith and S. Lem' mon Reed for Greensburg capitalists have been notified that their holdings will be taken over August 1 and have been instructed to have deeds in readiness for signing. The greater part of this land will bring from \$100 to \$110 an acre, which means that almost \$1,000,000 will change hands as a result of the deal.

-Henry Dumm, of Spangler, was drowned some time Saturday night, but the fact was no known until boys bathing in the west branch of the Susquehanna river at that place found the body Sunday evening. The body was found about fifty feet below a footbridge and it is be lieved he fell from the structure, which was only a foot in width and with a wire so low that one would have to stoop to reach it. Dumm was for ty years of age and leaves a family at Spangler.

-Two Johnstown salesmen had painful exper ences recently. H. J. Hoover, driving near Shel byport, Md., went over a forty-foot embankment when his buggy tongue slipped. When he recov. ered his senses he was hanging in a sapling. The buggy was smashed, but the horses escaped serious injury. Mr. Hoover crawled back to the road and was cared for at a farm house. W. H. Claycomb lost his pocketbook with \$100 in cash and several hundred in checks near the Maryland

American government has no right in Harrison, aged thirty years, looked up to see a good conscience to impose any tolls upon the commerce of other nations which it young man's effort to escape the animal failed, does not impose upon our own. To insist upon doing so is in effect to claim the right to make a national monopoly of the the ground, crawled forty feet into an entry, where the bull could not follow. It was an hour later before his father, alarmed by his non-apace, searched the barn and came upon the pearance, searched the basis and his son in the mangled and bleeding form of his son in the