# Memocratic Matchman.

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INK SLINGS.

-Money may talk, but we have never known it to have time to say more than "good-bye."

-With eight millions of the Steel trust's stock nothing but water, it is not surprising that so many people have been soaked with it.

-When Mr. TAFT is not busy writing other vetoes he keeps his hand in by doing something to complete the veto of his own re-election.

-The loafer who talks about the "world owing him a living" is usually the fellow who is too lazy to go out and collect what is coming to him.

-With Dr. Cook still living, Mr. ROOSEVELT seems determined to know for himself just how a fellow feels when the business of foolin' the people is all

----Democrats ought to be active now getting voters registered and otherwise ful. Naturally Mr. Penrose's friends qualified for voting. Like Christmas shoped to early.

-A Philadelphia paper says: The mayor of Boston believes in boy-cotting "every kind of food on which the price is raised." Does he think we could live on nothing?

-Some one has just discovered that particularly outraged by such an immoral the wind don't blow as much as it did twenty years ago. But then we didn't dominance Mr. LANE may have enterhave Bull Mooses to use so much of it, tained different views on the subject. We and there was more left for the rest of us recall that on one occasion he declared

-The consolation some people try to that every official would "lose his job" give us in the fact that if we don't have unless he voted five times or produced all we want here, we will get all that is five votes for the ticket. But things are coming to us in the hereafter, is just different now and such a proposition, what most of us have reason to worry about.

-Whenever HARRY THAW gets hold of a daily paper and reads the promises and predictions the Bull Moose herd are making he wonders why the asylumns are money or other valuable things if he will not fuller or he is not out among the promise to vote in favor of another man."

-Anyway the Republican party has come to judgment." Listen to his subtle prospects of distinguished company in its but substantial reasoning. "The promise break-up and final disappearance. There's to vote against a certain man," he conthe Turkish Empire and the Republic of tinues, "may be just as valuable as the Mexico both about as near the political promise to vote for him, and venal men.

-As a squealer catcher the district attorney of New York seems to be a bloomin' success. As a discoverer of criminals he rates as Bellefonte does in the race for business—has a cinch on the policy. He should be judged by his works, rear place and is content to hold that.

-It now looks as if the "out-of-employ- terests of the people, he should not be ment class" in Germany would all be able elected." What an admirable political to get plenty to do for a long time to philosophy is expressed in these burning come. That country has undertaken to words. It is the oozing of the spirit of keep a record of the drunkards in each reform from a body charged with political and all of the towns and cities under its righteousness and civic virtue.

-Ebensburg people put in last week entertaining the fireman's convention and studying the different methods of extinguishing fires. And we know of no place where the matter of extinguishing fires, both for the present and future, has greater need for careful study.

-A peculiarly strange and plaintive cry has been heard, the past few nights down in the vicinity of Howard and which has greatly aroused the sympathy and curiosity of the good people of that best, files a protest. Of course it won't too high and he vetoes the measure the locality. We wouldn't wonder a bit, if eventually they discover it to be the call that FLINN is the same today that he was not in accord with the findings of the of a lonesome Bull Moose out, trying to as the office boy of Chris Magee a dozen | board and because the "rates are so low find some company.

-It is said that Col. ROOSEVELT always gets five duplicates made of one of the keys on his type writer, and that these are all smashed before the others show of the American people. If he would say put into an argument before. perceptible wear. Now, we will bet all the moon is made out of green cheese his the "tainted" money, any subscriber will fool followers would believe him im- tax on wool and woolens is inexcusably pay in to this office, that any reader of plicitly. the WATCHMAN can guess on first trial what letter that key carries.

-The Harrisburg Patriot gives us the highly important information that "all will be short one Democratic vote, at duties to a level that would irretrievably envelopes going out from Democratic least, when it comes to denying the local headquarters in that city will be printed charities of the State the beggarly aid in red ink." This ought to prove beyond question that the campaign is being push- out to them. This he proposed doing by ed with the greatest vigor and furnish all pledging in advance the Democratic to a figure which will not afford shelter the evidence needed of our readiness for nominee for Legislature, to vote for "no to robbers or exact from the people trib-

-Secretary KNOX, with a retinue of except for institutions purely under state minor officials, and a small army of control." In this issue of the WATCH- campaign corruption fund. The passage political hangers-on, it is announced, will MAN Mr. FOSTER, who will represent Cen- of the bill will not impair the interests attend the Mikado's funeral at Tokyo in tre county in the next Legislature, tells of labor or industry in the least. September at the government's expense. our people very plainly and very explic-The return to be about November 4th. itly just what he will do in this mat- under obligations to the Wool trust for a How lucky the return! Just in time to ter. And that he will help the Bellefonte large proportion of the funds with which attend a like ceremony over the remains of his own party and with his "hand in" and his features set for such occasions.

great disappointment in various parts of the State in order that the bigger ones lars would have been saved to the conthe State are reported as manifesting under state control—and mostly located sumers of wool who comprise the whole themselves among Democrats in conse- in the larger cities—could demand a people. Besides that thousands of lives quence of the failure of the organization to have the county committees announced and ready for the work of the campaign. who will not endorse Mr. Foster's positubercular maladies in this country. But But then these dissatisfied and disappointed friends shouldn't expect too much. who will approve of the effort of Mr. trust and TAFT has neither the conscience They should remember that the counties GUTHRIE, even if he is a re-organizer— nor the courage to resist. in which this backward condition exists to force these deserving charities to acare all in the hands of "re-organizers," who for years have suffered with the out of business. political hook worm, traces of which are still in the blood of most of them. Be to be troubled with that disease.



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Just and Indignant Protest.

The PENROSE candidates for Senator

returns, but they are unalterably opposed

At a conference held in Atlantic City

last Sunday evening, this fact was devel-

with defeat because he will not promise

Senate is no different than to offer him

Seriously, however, Mr. LANE is right

both insincere and hypocritical in de-

claring the truth. If the PENROSE fac-

tion were in absolute control and in an

impregnable position, DAVE LANE could

with absolute confidence in the credulity

Mr. Foster for the Belletonte Hospital-

Our friend Mr. GEORGE W. GUTHRIE.

greater amount from the treasury.

cept "purely state control," or be starved

franchised altogether.

to signing pledges.

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Several years ago Senator ALDRICH, then Republican leader in the Senates and Representative in the Legislature are declared in a public speech that by the justly indignant because Boss BILL FLINN application of business principles to the has imposed upon them conditions which administration of the government \$300,may prove embarrassing. Boss FLINN 000,000 could be saved annually. That is proposes to require each of them to sign to say the profligacy of Republican ada pledge that he will not, under any cirministration was costing the tax payers cumstances, vote for the re-election of nearly a million dollars a day in excess Senator PENROSE. Under a strict conof the requirements. ROOSEVELT restruction of the corrupt practices act the mained in office two years after that signing of such a pledge would be unlawstatement was made but made no attempt to correct the fault. TAFT has been apamong the candidates object to signing ping this sort of work is easier if attend- on that account. They are purists in the plying some small economies and saving a few thousands here and there while matter of political morals. They don't adding millions elsewhere. In other mind stuffing ballot boxes or falsifying

words he has been saving at the spigot

and wasting at the bung.

Cost of Living Will Come Down.

But there is the promise of better things after the election of WoodRow WILSON. The Governor of New Jersey oped. City chairman DAVID H. LANE was has already cut out every wasteful source of expense in the State government and proposition. In the heyday of machine is now making careful inquiry into the profligacy of the National administration with the view of economizing there. The other day he had a long conference with Representative Swagley Sherley, of Kentucky, who has given the subject much study, with the view of getting the necessary information for practical work under an opposition administration, would give him heart disease. With respect to in the future. If ALDRICH could save \$300,000,000 a year Woodrow Wilson the pledge he said "to threaten a man will find the way to accomplish as much.

Beyond question the tariff is the printo oppose a particular candidate for the cipal cause of the high cost of living. It is the mother of trusts and the opportunity for extortion. But profligacy in public affairs is a good second in the Obviously we have here "a DANIEL matter. In the first place the money to meet the excessive expenses is taken from the earnings of the people and becomes a part of their personal expenses Secondly profligacy in public affairs induces extravagance in private life and through venal candidates, could just as easily defeat the public and the voter's extravagance is the excuse for high wishes by one method as the other. No prices. With the saving of a million dollars a day in the expenses of the govcandidate is worthy of support whose ernment there will be a saving in every pledge is required on matters of public other element of living and in a very short time a normal, and therefore toland if he is not worthy of confidence and erable, condition will be reached, cannot be trusted to act for the best in-

-The TAFT followers are growing impatient over the silence of PENROSE but that is no cause for alarm or complaint. The quieter PENROSE keeps the better for the TAFT interests and the less opportunity the FLINN fellows will have to howl. Penrose is no idiot whatever with respect to the matter, though he is other faults he may have.

# Taft's Tariff Vetoes.

In vetoing the wool tariff bill President see no harm in requiring candidates to TAFT does his best to keep faith with the sign a pledge and give a bond that they wool trust and "save his face" to the would vote for Penrose for Senator. But people. He vetoed the similar bill en-BILL FLINN is the boss and by virtue of acted during the special session last year that fact in position to lay down condi- for the reason that the tariff board had tions and impose penalties for supporting not made its report. Since that the board PENROSE and DAVE LANE, a bad loser at has reported that the duties are vastly get him anything but it reveals the fact second time because the provisions are in themslyes if enacted into law the inevitable result would be irretrievable in--Colonel Roosevelt is proceeding jury to the wool growing industry." A more absurd statement has never been

It is universally admitted that the tariff excessive. President TAFT has himself so stated and the wool growers and manufacturers of woolen fabrics admit it. The bill which has twice been vetoed doesn't, as Mr. TAFT says, cut injure the wool-growing industry or force "idleness upon the combing and spinning the State has heretofore been doling machinery" and the employees of the woolen mills. But it cuts down the rates the fight to begin at once. Let 'er come. appropriations for charitable purposes ute to bestow largesses upon the generous contributors to the Republican

The truth is that President TAFT is hospital to the fullest extent of his ability. his election was bought and he imagines Mr. GUTHRIE can therefore scratch his that by keeping faith with them it will name off the list of those members he be an easy matter to "fry the fat" this hoped to be able to have oppose the lit- year. If the bill had been signed a year -Considerable dissatisfaction and the and deserving charities throughout ago more than a hundred millions of dolwould have been saved, for the lack of There is not a citizen of the county woolen clothing is the principal cause of tion in this matter and there is not one the Republican machine is pledged to the

----Colonel Roosevelt hasn't claimed credit, thus far, for the decline in the price of straw hats and low-cut shoes, but -If the negroes fall in for Roose- it is only a recent incident, this year, and easy friends. You don't know what it is VELT's subterfuge they ought to be dis- he will probably get in under the wire

In his "confession of faith" Mr. ROOSE-VELT promises everything, possible and impossible of attainment. He agrees to do anything anybody wants and at the time he wants it. He pledges himself to abate every evil, to correct every fault and to promote every virtue. He condemns every man who disagrees with him and denounces every policy not in- Taft side of the controversy, and as a corporated in his code. He inferentially declares that he is the only man in the country capable and honest enough to administer the office of President and that the election of any other man would be an abandonment of hope for the future. But he forgets. People have short

Roosevelt is Fooling the People.

memories but records do not soon fade. Among the things Mr. ROOSEVELT promises is a decrease in the cost of living. Almost from the moment that he was inducted into the office of President the increase in the cost of living set in. His administration became a shelter for monopoly and his profligacy an excuse for extravagance. During the seven years of his incumbency of the office the aggregate expenses were greater than during the years immediately preceding that national misfortune, though the period covered the expenses of the Spanish-American war. These statements of fact can be proved by the records of the government, which are accessible to any citizen who cares to

make the inquiry. Mr. ROOSEVELT pays scant respect to the intelligence of the people in thus promising things now which he failed to even attempt during his previous occupancy of the office. Men do not change long established habits without reason and if ROOSEVELT had changed GEORGE W. PERKINS, Judge GARY and HENRY C. FRICK would not be spending vast sums to secure his election. They are not sentimentalists. They make no investments unless there is a practical certainty of profit, and in financing ROOSEVELT'S campaign they know that he will not do what he promises to the public but that he will do what he has already agreed to th them. In other words ROOSEVELT is fooling the people.

--Of course there will be a big Demo cratic vote this year for the conditions are all favorable. Our candidate is all that could be desired, our party is united and hopeful and our enemy is demoralized and divided. But Mr. BRYAN polled a considerable vote in Pennsylvania four years ago, though GEORGE W. GUTHRIE VANCE C. McCormick and a few other present day party leaders were against

# Wilson's Speech of Acceptance.

Governor WILSON'S speech of accept ance reads like a new departure in political literature. There has been nothing like it since the late SAMUEL J. TILDEN acknowledged the similer honor and accepted the similar responsibilities from the same party in 1876. It can hardly be called a speech because it is more than that. An esteemed contemporary declares it is a philosophy in its perfection and completeness. In any event it was so entirely in accord with the requirements and conditions of the occasion that it has commanded universal approval not only with respect to its tone but in every other particular. We have not seen in any

reputable paper an adverse criticism. The surprise, if there is such a thing, in relation to this public utterance, is the wide information and accurate understanding it reveals of public affairs. We are all accustomed to regard college professors as theorists and essayists who have no practical knowledge of affairs of men. But Governor WILSON has disabused the public mind of this erroneous impression. He has proven that he is familiar not only with the science of government but with the practical application of it to affairs. He shows that he not only knows what the people want but has a thorough knowledge of the means and methods of providing it and using

Governor WILSON is a Democrat in the best meaning of that term but he is neither a ranter nor agitator. He is for the rule of the people under the constitutional restraints provided by the fathers of the Republic. He realizes that the abuse of the taxing power is the greatest evil of the present time because it is unjust and oppressive. No people can be contented who are being robbed and the way to make men contented is to treat them justly. For these reasons Governor WILSON believes that the tariff question is the dominant issue of the campaign and he proposes to direct his energies to the abatement of that crowning atrocity. Every voter should read the speech

-The Standard Oil company and the

Steam Roller in Ohio.

From the Pittsburgh Post. The Republican factional differences in Ohio over the nomination of a candidate for Governor have been solved by the efficacious use of that powerful machine known as the "steam roller." The State central committee, on which devolved the onerous duty of selecting a candidate, in its numerical make-up happened to have a majority of members favorable to the consequence the Roosevelt committeemen were rolled out flat. The Taft following submitted the name of General R. B. Brown, and those who stood shoulder to shoulder under the Bull Moose emblem of "The People" advocated the selection of U. Grant Denman. It is scarcely necessary to comment on the result. General Brown heads the ticket by a vote of 11

Having established at Chicago the prec edent of refusing to abide by the will of the majority the Bull Moosers forthwith bolted the committee, and the result will be separate gubernatorial candidates in the Buckeye State. This action will seal the fate of the Republician party in Ohio and guarantee the election of the Democratic nominee. The two Repu wings making war upon each other will leave the course practically clear to the united Democracy. Thus another nail is driven into the lid of the Republican cof-

The distribution of this unusual political condition among the States is an evidence of the complete disruption of the Republican party. It has gone to pieces in so many States that even a shrewd specialist in political complexities can scarce reason out how it is going to get any electors. With President Taft practic-ally out of the running, and with Colonel Roosevelt at no time considered danger-ous, it looks as if the Democratic party has but to maintain a solid front in order to win its easiest and greatest victory.

### Cost of Living Goes Higher.

From the Johnstown Democrat. The cheerful announcement is made by the Woolen trust and the Leather trust that the cost of clothing and of leather goods will advance. Thus convincing testimony is borne of the futile and nonsensical nature of the trust-busting methods which have hitherto been pursued. Lawsuits and criminal prosecutions do not prevent trusts from pursuing the even tenor of their way.

The excuse given for the increased cost is high wages in the woolen industry and shortage in production of wool and has. In the light of disclosures made at Lawrence the claim of high wages is an insult to the intelligence of the American accele There may be truth in the claim of shortage in the supply of wool and hides. To raise sheep and cattle large tracts are The public domain once afforded unparallelled opportunities to sheep and cattle raisers to raise flocks and herds. But the government has allowed this doindustry for the privilege of its use. The result has been to check stock raising, so that the census of 1910 actually shows a smaller number of sheep and

cattle on farms and ranges than in 1900.

The American people have long shown as great love for land monoply and for protective tariffs as they have expres hate and aversion for trusts and high cost of living. But they can not get rid of one without getting rid of the other. They may rail at trusts and high prices and pass all the drastic regulative and prohibitory laws they wish, but as long as they allow tariffs and land monopoly to exist so long will they suffer from the evil effects.

# Corporation Contributions.

From the Harrisburg Star-Independent The Senate bill prohibiting corporations from contributing money or anything of value to the nomination or election of Presidential Electors, Representatives in the Congress or State Legislators who elect United States Senators, ought to be passed at once in order that it may be in

force during the present campaign.

Corporations should never have been allowed to contribute to campaign funds, for their motives in so doing could not have been above suspicion. They have given money to both parties in the States; that is, to whichever party was in control. They expected, and no doubt received, favors for their contributions This was known thirty years ago, yet the public was not awakened to its enormity intil the New York insurance revelation shocked everybody, and nothing practical was done by way of prevention until

The winning of elections with campaign chests ought to end quickly, but perhaps that is too much to expect. However, the sources of the campaign funds can be controlled, and should be, in the interest of public honesty and decency.

-The beach director and lifeguards at Atlantic City are now wrestling over the question as to whether a woman in socks is a woman in stockings. The beach precedent is that women bathers be made to obtain a pardon for Mrs. Kate Edmust wear stockings and within the past wards, on the ground that she has made suffic week a number of the feminine gender appeared on the beach arrayed in men's socks, which naturally left about a foot take final action in fixing a day for the woman of bare leg between the sock and bathing suit. And we have it on the word of rest in the files of his office. a Bellefonte gentleman who was there died at Camden, N. J., aged 91 years, was admitand knoweth whereof he spoke that the ladies looked quite "fetching." But the named was William H. R. Lukens, an attorney of life guards and beach director are evidently of a modest nature and they aver sides several bequests to relatives in Wisconsin that while socks are socks and may be ranging in sums from \$50 to \$200, the will provide tobacco trust have coined money out of all right for New York and Philadelphia the court order for their dissolution but they are not stockings, and stockings are that is ascribable to the language of the the only leg trimmings that will be allowed on that beach.

#### SPAWLS FROM THE KEYSTONE.

There are more than 300 applications for citienship to be passed upon at the Cambria natur-lization court, which convenes this week.

-Thirty-six copperhead snakes, ranging in size from ten inches to three feet, were killed by two

-Paul Rehn, a Cambria steel inspector was given a room-mate early in the week at his Johns town boarding house. After three days' compan onship the room-mate disappeared and with him \$100 worth of Rehn's personal effects.

-A Slav, who landed in Portage a few evenings ago looking for work, unhesitatingly went with a stranger who offered him lodging. Next mornng he turned up at the Miller shaft, his head and face cut and bruised and all his money gone.

-Bids for the construction of the new tuberculosis sanitorium at Hamburg will be opened at the State Health Department next Monday by Commissioner Dixon. A number of bids are expected from Philadelphia, Lancaster and Readir

-H. H. Bryan, a well known citizen of Johnsown, was held up while on a trip through New York because of his resemblance to a photo of "Gyp, the Blood," which certain detectives had. Mr. Bryan proved his identity by his Johnstown

Y. M. C. A. card and other papers -It is thought that it was a tramp who sent yord to the Reading station at Williamsport a few evenings ago that a big machine had slipped from a passing freight and was on the pass track just beyond the city. A few moments later

-While the Smith family reunion dinner was in progress in Vallamount park, Williamsport, an old hickory tree snapped off and would have fallen directly on a table at which forty people were seated but for branches of another tree which caught it. The dinner was suddenly halt-

-The Fbensburg Agricultural association has been cleared by State authorities of the charge of allowing gambling devices on its grounds and will receive the State bonus. D. Al Irvin, formerly of Centre county is secretary of the Ebensburg ssociation. The Cambria County association

however, was found guilty. -A hundred or more of Northumberland's citizens formed a chopping bee in the gray dawn a few mornings ago and when their fun was over a tree that had been in the way of paving operations was measuring its length on the street. The

owner had refused to have it cut and the court had upheld him in his action -Not fifteen minutes after his mother told him not to go near the tracks of the sand glass works. Charles Spangle aged twelve years walked into his home at Derry with his right hand badly crushed. It had been caught under the wheels of

the stone cars. Two fingers were amputated and the lad may lose the entire hand. -More than 200 anonymous letters have been received in the last few weeks by Hughesville usiness men. The letters were at first mailed but are now left on porches. A detective has been at work, but letters declared the writer wasn't afraid of him. Postal inspectors have

been asked to solve the mystery. -The Sandy Ridge fire brick plant, replacing the one destroyed last winter by fire, and built on a larger and more modernly-equipped plan, is once more in successful operation, and giving employment to a large number of hands. The plant at present is turning out about 26,000 brick per day, but this output will be increased later

-Mrs. Harry Bosler, of Johnsonburg, hearing a noise at the door opening from the basement steps to the first floor of her home, went down stairs in the night, opened the door suddenly so frightened a would be burglar that he down stairs. He was, however, not too badly

-Frank Neese, a Sagamore, Indiana county niner who found, as he was about to start for a trip to his Italian home, that his savings amoun ing to \$1,600, had disappeared, is now happy in the prospect of getting his wealth again. The money had been placed in three banks by differmain to pass mainly into the hands of monopolists who demand heavy toll of ed. They have signed checks for the amounts and Neese will soon be off for Sunny Italy. -Peter Kinsley, aged thirty years, of Cascade, ycoming county, started with a load of feed to

his home a few days ago. He had a small boy as passenger and the two were eating peanuts when Mr. Kinsley fell forward between the seat and dash board. The frightened boy jumped and ran ahead a mile to the next house and the team jogged along, the dead hands still holding the reins, until the lifeless body was lifted from the wagon. -Mrs. Annie Garth, of Mill Hall, looked out a few days ago to see her two year old grandson sitting quietly on the Bald Eagle Valley railroa track. She also saw a passenger train coming rapidly down grade toward the child. Mean while the engineer had put on brakes and the fireman had crawled out on the cowcatcher ready to

mother had won the race with death by a narrow -John Treires, a Jersey Shore Greek, was the victim of a clever swindle at Williamsport recently. He became acquainted with two strangers who possessed \$12,000 and was persuaded to put his little all-\$1,000-into a tin box along with the larger amount. The box was entrusted to his care while the strangers went to a drug store to make a purchase. It was seven hours later that

a friend insisted that he open the box and the po

lice were notified of its emptiness.

kick the baby from the track. But the grand

-F. E. Kenyon, late of Bellwood, near Altoon shot his wife and eighteen months old daughter the former through the heart and the latter just bove the heart, at 11.20 o'clock Tuesday morn ing, in the Lafayette hotel, Pittstsburgh, then turned the weapon against his own chest and fired, and then shot himself through the mouth. Both Mr. Kenyon and his wife died instantly and the child died several hours later in a hospita No cause is assigned for the man's act.

-Two car loads of Michigan deer, six bucks and the rest does, have been delivered to the big Clearfield county game preserve of the State nder the personal direction of Cor John M. Philips and Joseph Kalbfus. This is the third preserve to be stocked with deer by the State within the last year, a number having been laced in the preserve in Perry county near New Germantown, and in the Ligonier preserve in Westmoreland county. -After spending more than eleven years in the

Berks county prison under sentence of death for the murder of her husband, efforts are about to nement for the crime charged against her The case of Mrs. Edwards is a remarkable one. Four Governors of Pennsylvania have failed to execution, each Governor having let the case

-The will of Mrs. Helen Mae Chandler, who \$1.500 and the realty is estimated at \$30,000. Be-University, Lewisburg, for the purpose of preparthering the work among the Siamese Pe