Democratic Hatchman.

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INK SLINGS.

----Speaking of GEORGE ADE for Senator in Congress "listens" like a "Fable in Slang."

-The time is coming when some one will be talking about winter lingering in the lap of spring.

-Next Monday will be ground hog day, then we will know whether winter is to last six weeks longer.

-If the snow continues to go as gradually as it has been going we will probably escape the great flood that seemed almost inevitable after that deep blanket of "the beautiful" had covered these parts of the country.

in Pittsburgh, the Gazette-Times and become a rampant reactionary. He ap- owners of property of the inherent right the distribution of party patronage. He Chronicle Telegraph, two great dailies of pears to be oblivious of the signs of the to manage it and ultimately end in the urges what he calls "progressive Demothat city, have announced that after times. He says his platform will be op- confusion if not the collapse of business. crats" to great energy and wise caution present contracts expire they will never again receive liquor advertisements.

the bosses have not made known just is practically a unit in support of the man has a right to a voice in the man-ty to party principles," which is excelfor or be charged with fighting the or- Everybody is with him.

-"Butch" McDEVITT, the Wilkes-Barto Congress. "Butch" is likely busted somehow slip into his pockets.

-Whenever you see the prices of seats on the New York stock exchange jumping like they are now look out for big business booms. The brokers don't often guess wrong on those questions and their eagerness looks very like the advance signals of an era of great prosperity.

-The old slang expression; "Well, I guess you know where to get off at now," doesn't help our Congressman PATTON in his present dilemma. He is surely between the devil and the deep sea and either the Stalwarts or the Progressives will have his political scalp nailed to the barn before the Ides of November.

be put forward to represent Pennsylva- that are in storage and getting them If a man wants to conduct an enterprise always tell. He might have been rebuking nia in the upper branch of Congress we ready for service." On another page of in a manner that impairs the health or VANCE MCCORMICK and GEORGE GUTHare unable to say. In the first place Mr. the same paper we find: "Marshall Field jeopardizes the lives or limbs of em- RIE for voting against BRYAN every time PINCHOTT is not a resident of Pennsylva- & Co., in their weekly review of the Dry ployees, he is exceeding his right and de- he ran. Anyway Mr. Morris' address is

-President WILSON has pleased the Col. GEO. I. GOETHALS to be civil Governor of the Canal Zone. Aside from honoring the man to whom honor is due the President has placed the machinery of government on the Zone in the hands of the one man most intimately acquainted with the conditions as they exist there now and best fitted to cope with emergencies that the future may reveal.

-We note, with regret, that there is talk of Representative BENSON, of Mc- land." "Underlying conditions in the knowledge of the wants and aspirations Kean county, becoming a candidate for textile markets continue good. Easier of each and they had to come to his the Democratic nomination for Congress money is giving jobbers more comfort terms or be crushed out of existence. in this district. We hope it terminates in talk, because Mr. Benson is not en- for eight months." And so ad libitum. It was the rule of his time and would be titled to such an honor. He is only a Democrat when it suits him to be one and not the kind of a party man that is oblivious of facts and conditions. either a Regular or a Reorganizer could Somebody ought to have his head ex- lation will probably destroy was the hab- peror of Germany or the Czar of Russia consistently support. Let us have some amined. one other than BENSON.

-How times have changed. Now there are 2185 students at The Pennsylvania State college and 81 per cent, ment of his plans. In his address to have a church preference. Twenty-five Congress on the Trust question he made years ago there were only 200 students entirely clear his views as to the most scarcely 10 per cent. of them would have of the trusts and unlawful combinations, had a preference had an opportunity to and with respect to foreign affairs he express it been presented. Yet there are has taken the Senate committee into his those who tie the corners of their mouth confidence. That is an innovation of under their chin and hug the delusion great significance. An impression has that the world is not growing better.

-State chairman Morris returned from Washington on Monday, where he was in conference with MITCH PALMER concerning the distribution of postmasterships "in a number of little hamlets throughout the State," as he put it. MITCH certainly is the whole cheese when it comes to being big boss of our party. In the old days the Congressman representing the district in which the appointment was to be made had the say in such matters, but all the other Democratic Congressmen from Pennsylvania are now reorganized into taking any crumbs it suits MITCH to throw to them.

-A local minister who has been young folks recently took for his texts son believes in treating all alike which is for two sermons: "Say Thank You" and "Be Honest." Considered in their ultimate effect upon the lives of children we cannot now think of two more cardinal of the coterie of "intellectual diminupoints to impress upon them. In fact it tives" which is directing the affairs of to President Wilson's Mexican policy is is hard to conceive how children to whom the Democratic party of Pennsylvania at neither wise nor safe. Before the fall politeness and honesty have become sec- present. Two or three of these party elections have arrived conditions are ond nature can develop into anything other than companionable, useful, chris- closed doors of an office building and not would be bad for such a campaign. tian men and women. It is altogether only make the ticket but frame the platwithin the range of possibility that if form of the party and the voters are orevery child were brought to understand dered to obey. This method of dragoon. keep out of the next gubernatorial camand rigidly observe only these two little ing has never been attempted before and paign. He pulled through by a narrow Morris get together in Washington, the of public office. And now that his friends person who would attempt to pass him. He has rules, in their broadest sense, there would Democrats are watching patiently the re- margin once but conditions were vastly be little use for either exortation or jails sult. But President Wilson can have different then and a defeated candidate hue. But campaigning for Pennsylvania office of State Senator his own party in the future.



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Penrose in a Hopeless Campaign.

Senator Penrose has semi-officially an--As a result of the SUNDAY meetings -entering upon a forlorn hope. He has agine that such legislation would deprive activity is at hand." By that he means -Rumors are flying thick and fast listen" even for a moment, he would to direct its operations and if such men pers only of men in whom he has the about prospective candidates for Con- recognize the futility, not to say absurd- were tied up in other directorates, a just utmost confidence as to ability, integrity, the proposed Interstate Trade Commisgress in this district, but up to this time ity, of such a campaign. The country right is forfeited. Besides, they add, a devotion to the public interest and loyalwhich one of them we will have to vote President in both of these questions, agement of every concern in which he lent advice.

> To invest such a campaign with even a ling that could be valid. disposed to go ahead."

-Just why GIFFORD PINCHOTT should Pennsylvania Railroad are taking all cars exercised in justice and equity to others. BRYAN deserted him. Still you can't nia and in the second it looks as though Goods trade, say: "Our road sales for the serves to be restrained by law. So if notice that he is alive and that is someour friends the Bull Moose, were admit- past week indicate a much better tone corporations are impairing the rights of thing. ting that they have no other man within in dry goods conditions throughout the others by combination of forces they are their ranks with ability enough to fill the country." "The Lackawanna railroad going beyond the limits of reason and minal which calls for 6500 tons of steel." porations are fictitious persons and entire country by the appointment of "The Wabash railroad is in the market amenable to any just regulation.

> orders for 30 locomotives." lowest tender on bridges to be construct- railroad, the Steel corporation and a ed for the Cleveland and Youngstown score or so of other concerns made all railroad, calling for 2000 tons of struct the corporations with which he was conin the Superior avenue bridge at Cleve- membership on the Boards gave him a than they have enjoyed in that direction This is not an exaggerated illustration. nothing on the subject, apparently. He been elected President.

Wilson and Others -A Contrast

always prevailed that such things should be held in secrecy. During the administration of THEODORE ROOSEVELT the State Department refused to respond to a demand of Congress for information,

under the direction of the President. The public has every reason to be pleased with the change in practice. It conveys notice that the affairs of the government are concerns of the people. The government of the United States is a partnership in which all are equally interested. Big business and prominent men are concerned only in ratio with the less conspicuous and are entitled to only the same ratio of consideration. Secret movements and star chamber conferences are simply expedients for keeping the preaching a series of special sermons to public on the outside. President WILthe essence of Democracy.

There is a sharp contrast between the methods of President WILSON and those no sympathy with such proceedings.

There are a few esteemed contempo-

Interlocking Directorates.

manifestly is better than a week or a corporations and the great number of mer and ROLLY scampered to cover. month ago. Apparently the President's shareholders, it is difficult to call them We are glad to learn, moreover, that message has helped to clear the economic to account. Out of these usurpations of Chairman Morris is determined to punatmosphere and business men seem more power has grown the opposition to inter- ish party traitors and pledge breakers. locking directorates.

Those are the views of experts and are From the beginning of time every independable. But they are not without dustrial tyrant has answered every pro- of MITCHELL PALMER'S aspiration to be support. The same paper says: "In test against cruelties and excesses, by as- President. It will be remembered that anticipation of an increase in freight serting that he has a right to manage BRYAN was instructed to vote for CHAMP business between now and April 1, the his own property in his own way. This CLARK for the nomination but when Philadelphia and Reading Railway and right only extends so far as it may be CLARK's nomination appeared imminent. has placed a contract for its Buffalo ter- should be checked by legislation. Cor-

for 60 locomotives and it is understood. The instrument by which corporations that the Chesapeake and Ohio will place have oppressed the public was mainly interlocking directorates. PIERPONT MOR-And so this song of prosperity goes. GAN being owner of a big bank and di-"The American Bridge Co. submitted the rector of the New Haven and Hartford tural shapes. Inquiries are in the mar-nected dependent upon himself, and he ket for 2700 tons of steel bars to be used served them upon his own terms. His But Senator Penrose has seen or heard the rule yet if Woodrow Wilson had not

Another evil which the proposed legisit which directors of two corporations had of interchanging business at exorbitant prices. For example the director of President WILSON makes no conceal- a railroad is also a share owner and di- to that of a big army. It is not alone is a credit to his country. He is a generrector in a rail mill. Through his ma- that it puts a large number of men on al who has fought and won a war for nipulation the railroad buys rails from the pay roll but while increasing the the rail mill at eight to ten dollars a ton non-producers it decreases the producers in attendance at the institution and feasible means of "drawing the teeth" more than is charged to some other cus- of the country. This "burning the can- able to him. tomers. The profit to the mill goes, in dle at both ends," a large army impoverpart, into the pocket of the director of ishes at double speed. But it multiplies the railroad and the public pays the bill opportunities for promotion and stimuin excessive freight rates. For these rea- lates the desire for war. A country with From the Harrisburg Patriot. sons the proposed legislation is both wise a large army is always ready to fight at have something the matter with their might be averted under other circummorals or their brains.

> ---It seems that nomination of PIN- big army. CHOTT for Senator is the price ROOSEVELT little left of the Bull Moose party.

Probably. But to loop the loop on a idiots in that line, and the fewer of them the country has, the better for its reputation.

bosses meet in Washington behind the likely to vindicate the policy and that ding parties to Bellefonte. Wednesday

If Governor STUART is wise he will is a poor figure in history.

Chairman Morris' Address.

Chairman Morris' of the Democratic From the Harrisburg Star-Independent. nounced his candidacy for re-election raries and a meager number of business State Committee, has issued what his and states that headquarters for his cam- men throughout the country who are ap- friends call "a ringing appeal" to the paign will be opened in the near future. prehensive of the effect of a law forbid- Democrats of Pennsylvania. He says But he is engaging in a hopeless contest ding interlocking directorates. They im- "the most important phase of our party national campaign, was the action of position to President Wilson's tariff and Every corporation they reason, has a in the selection of candidates. He adcurrency policies. If he would "look and right to select the fittest men available vises the voter "to sign nomination pa-

has money invested and no law prevent- Mr. Morris appears to have changed his mind upon the primary election queshopeful aspect industrial paralysis and The proposed legislation prohibiting tion. Some weeks ago he broke into a re "millionaire for a day," is going to commercial stagnation is essential. As a interlocking directorates will deprive no Philadelphia pulpit, in some way, and ex-Washington to present a bust of himself matter of fact these conditions were capitalist or other share owner in a cor- pressed himself very emphatically in opnever more remote. For example in the poration of the right of supervision over position to the State wide primary law. again and has conceived this bust giving paper in which the Senator's announce- his property. A man doesn't have to be But like the late friend of Mr. Mulpilgrimage with the idea that coin will ment appears we find, on another page, a director in a corporation to exercise a HOOLEY, he is "solid" for it now. He calls such interesting announcements as these: voice in its management. If he did there it "the wise extension of the direct pri-"Dun's Review will say to-morrow: Bank would be fewer corporations and less in- mary system." While it was pending in exchanges this week at the principal clination to invest in them. Directors the Legislature Mr. PALMER opposed it exchanges this week at the principal clination to invest in them. Directors the Legislature Mr. Palmer opposed it the currency system; and now, before cities in the United States make a somewhat better exhibit than of late." "Brad- But in the very large corporations the urally conceived a great dislike for it. street's will say tomorrow: Sentiment Directors sometimes usurp authority and But subsequently President WILSON took financial. industrial and commercial- because of the large proportions of the the other side of the question and PAL-

Obviously this is a thrust at Mr. BRYAN who seems to be very much in the way

State, say in Philadelphia or Pittsburgh, we might tremble for the safety of some of our supposed to be conspicuous states-

Wood's Cry for Troops.

General LEONARD WOOD is again lamenting because of our unpreparedness for war. The Sandwich Islands are inadequately protected, he declares, for the reason that we haven't enough soldiers to go around. We need more troops in the Canal Zone and the force on the Philippine Islands ought to be increased. one consideration with another," we are in a sad plight, mainly because the Emhas more troops to maneuver than our Chief of Staff commands.

There is no agency of exhaustion equal stances are precipitated because of preparedness. That is one of the evils of a

This country would be better off, eco-Moose party in this State. PINCHOTT is regular army were reduced to half its not a bona fide resident of Pennsylvania present strength. We couldn't make as and consequently is not eligible to the big a parade, probably, but with a well view to erecting a great steel plant there. office. But ROOSEVELT never did care developed militia system we would be This scheme was abandoned and since much for constitutional restraints and if quite as strong physically and much hap-ROOSEVELT is alienated there will be pier. As it is, our military expenses are as large as those of any other country, quired until now the proposed co-opera-for no other country contributes as much tive farm has 12,000 acres available. It -BIRDMAN LINCOLN BEACHEY is of to pensions. But with the additional exthe opinion that "you can fly a kitchen pense which General Wood's notion of a the cost of living among its thousands of table if your motor is strong enough." fit standing army would entail there employees. would soon be as much poverty in this kitchen table, would be a job only for country as there is at present in Germany.

-Last week a half dozen or more sledding parties from out of town took advantage of the snow to come to Belle--A campaign based on opposition fonte for a night at the theatre. There will be two good shows here next week. Tuesday and Wednesday evenings, and these nights would be ideal ones for slednight's show, especially, will be worth coming quite a distance to see.

> Democratic horizon takes on a brilliant are bringing him to the front for the must be done within the State. should stand by him loyally.

Quick Action on the Trust Program.

Characteristic of the business like way the Wilson administration has gone about fulfilling the platform promises made by the Democratic party in the last some of its prominent representatives among the law-makers in preparing, on the day following the reading of the President's message on the trust prob-

lem, five bills providing for the enact-

ment into law of most of the principal

recommendations contained in that doc

These bills provide for the creation of sion which is to aid the courts in keeping "big business" within the law; the elimination of interlocking directorates; empowering the Interstate Commerce Commission to regulate the issuance of railroad securities; a bill defining more specifically the provisions of the Sher-

man anti-trust law, and legislation de

signed to eliminate "cut throat" compe-tition and to punish individuals instead of corporations for violations of the law. The prompt and systematic way the Democratic party has gone about carry-ing out its pledges is thus again demon-strated. There was no waste of time in putting through the tariff revision legislation and that providing for the reform of the nation witnesses also the ple spectacle of Congress getting right down to work in the speedlest possible way consistent with conservatism, grappling with the next big reform that the voters at the polls indicated they desire to have

The recommendations in one day and the legislation, for carrying out most of them, prepared the next! That is a businesslike way of doing things that the whole country must admire. is little doubt that the whole Wilson program for eliminating the abuses of business," which program is endorsed in Congress alike by Democrats and Republicans, will be enacted into law.

An America Hero.

From the Pittsburgh Gazette Times. Appointment of Col. William C. Gorgas to be surgeon general of the army, which carries with it the relative rank thing.

The search for graft in New York is interesting and most of us hope that all the rascals higher up and lower down

which carries with it the relative rains and emoluments of a brigadier general, was the right thing for the President to do and he did it. Col. Gorgas has shown that he is eminerately qualified for the duties of the place. It is a promotion in his course, branch of the service, to the will become enmeshed in the net. But highest place established therein by law. his own branch of the service, to the officer of the Panama Canal zone. It was thorough and heroic. He cleaned up the pital, but undoubtedly would have been found Isthmus. He conquered disease in the cities of Panama and in the zone, by diligent exercise of the authority conferred upon him. He made that region, theretofore, regarded as a pesthole, a desirable place of residence one of the most healthful on the globe.

He earned the promotion that has been given him, if ever a man earned anything. He earned even better, but unfortunately there is nothing better to give at this time, and there will not unless Congress should legislate. It is fitting, however, that he should have the best that is available.

Col. Gorgas's achievement at Panama We need troops to man the several forts attracted international attention. Many at home, moreover, he adds, and "taking did not believe it possible for him or anyone else to do what he and the force under him accomplished. He has since The government has been in demand. been asked to lend him to other nations. At present he is in South Africa as a loan to the British government to show how sanitary conditions may be improved in the mines of that region. He humanity. He is greater than if he had subdued a nation. The President's recognition of the fact is altogether credit-

Steel Trust's Great Farm.

The announcement that a great automobile builder was about to divide \$10,and timely and those who object to it the drop of the hat and wars which 000,000 among the employees of his works and to introduce a profit-sharing plan, has been speedily followed by a statement that the United States Steel all the windows and wrecked the wood work. Mr. Campbell is manager of the store at Iselin. He and his wife are both quite popular and police are at a loss for a clue to the identity of the would Corporation will shortly have in operation the first co-operative farm in this country for supplying food stuffs as far has set upon his support of the Bull nomically, and every whit as safe if the Mose party in this State. Procuport is regular army were reduced to half its. Land containing 8,000 acres was at the Williamsport silk mill, left her boarding bought about fourteen years ago by the

company near Conneaut, Ohio, with a then the land has been used for grazing

and farming.
Other adjoining property has been acis the expectation of the company, by means of this farm, to materially reduce

Notwithstanding all we hear about industrial unrest there was, we believe, never before in the history of the world a period when large employers of labor were, generally speaking, so well disposed towards their workmen and so anxious to improve their condition as they

-Friends of A. A. DALE Esq., are urging him to become a candidate for the nomination for State Senator on the Republican ticket at the Spring primaries. Mr. DALE has always been a hard worker for his party and has never received any -When Mr. PALMER, and Chairman reward or party preferment in the shape his shotgun and threatened to shoot the first

SPAWLS FROM THE KEYSTONE.

-A deer, driven from the woods by stray dogs, has taken refuge in the barnyard of a South Williamsport gardener. The animal is being fed

-Punxsutawney is expecting to get a new industry, in the shape of a plant of the Pure Carbon company, which manufactures supplies for electrical machinery.

-Latrobe police think they have, in Clarence Moore, a colored lad, the leader of the gang that has been concerned in numerous robberies in that vicinity recently.

-The body of Charles Egan has arrived at his home in DuBois from Kentucky, where he was killed while acting the part of peacemaker in a

-Neuralgia of the heart brought death quickly to George Burket, aged 44, as he was busy with his work as watchman at a grade crossing at Mt. Union. His wife and six daughters survive.

-Guests leaving a "dry" Mt. Union hotel, pool room and shooting gallery with unsteady legs have resulted in the arrest of W. W. Cyphers and his son Earl, who are said to have sold liquor illegally

-Harold Van Corder, an automobile demonstrator in the employ of the Penn Auto Sales company, was arrested at Greensburg on suspicion of having been concerned in the daring automobile hold-ups in Pittsburgh recently. -Francese Corsario, of Clymer. who lies

paralyzed from his waist down in a hospital at Dixonville, has been awarded a Carnegie medal and \$75 a month. He saved the life of policeman Matthew Leonard last November, when murderous assailants beset him in a dark place -There was considerable excitement in the

Renovo yard, a few days ago when two elephants, in course of transportation from Michigan to the eastern part of the State, grew restive and tried to knock the end of the car out. Shop repairmen were called to make the temporary cage safe. -The large window glass plant at Shinglehouse, Pa., has been indefinitely closed. Scarcity of gas has been assigned as the reason for the

suspension of operations, and it is feared that unless some new wells are located in the vicinity of Shinglehouse, the plant may never again be operated. -While skating on the Susquehanna river dam near Lewisburg, Musser Johnson and LeRoy Ickes, struck thin ice and were thrown into the

water. Oliver Stucker, a teamster, saw them and hastily drew his reins and hurried to them. But the lines were too short and the boys were drawn under before he could reach them.

-Lock Haven has been hardly treated by death in the past few months having lost several of its best citizens. Another has just been called, J. F. McCormick, aged 53 years, a prominent lumber dealer, a zealous member of the Great Island Presbyterian church, one of the most interested in civic affairs, but unostentatious in all his good works.

-State game wardens are engaged in rounding up a number of deer in Centre and adjoining counties for shipment to the counties which recently were ordered closed to all deer hunting. These counties include Cambria, Somerset, Fayette and Indiana and it is the idea to stock them with deer. Some fine bucks were recently taken in Centre and Clearfield counties.

-Clarion county is again experiencing an oil boom which recalls in many ways the oil excitement of 50 years ago. Many old fields are again being drilled in and others are being opened. Near Clarion a gas producer has brought in nearly a million feet of gas a day and already Pittsburgh capitalists have purchased about 1500 acres of land upon which they will drill.

-The accidental opening of a door, "just to look around" by a night watchman at a building near the Railway street crossing at Williamsport, saved Thomas Green, who had been hit by a track. He is in a critical condition at the hosdead in the morning had not the watchman obeyed his impulse.

-Percy Pool, a miner, aged about 24 years, was instantly killed in the mines of the Dollie Coal Co., near Osceola Mills, on Wednesday. though no one witnessed the accident it is thought that the two mine cars which the young man was allowing to run out of his room got beyond his control and that endeavoring to set the brakes on them he slipped and fell between the cars and the "rib" of solid coal along the track.

-Kane is rejoicing over the fact that the Kane Window Glass company has voted to sell its big factory to another company and that it is expected the large factory will be in operation by the middle of the summer. Six glass making machines will be installed, and the Republican goes so far as to say that Kane will be the best known manufacturing town in Western Pennsylvania We hope for their success, but they should be considerate and not crowd DuBois off the map.

-Iohn Sabol proved himself a real hero at the Cambria Steel works, Johnstown, recently, al. though his efforts to save the life of Pete Wuletic were in vain. Wuletic could not read and stepped over a danger sign on a beam carrying live wires heavily charged. Sabol stood three inches from the deadly wires, grabbed Wuletic by the jacket and held him seventy feet above ground until a rope could be brought to lower him. But the current had already given him a fatal shock.

-To the fact that they had just left their home for a little while, J. Frank Campbell and wife, of Iselin, owe their escape from death last Sunday evening. The spot where Mrs. Campbell had been standing just before they started was wreck. ed by an explosion of dynamite which shattered all the windows and wrecked the wood work. be assassins.

-Hundreds of persons were exposed to scarlet fever when Esther Morrisey, aged 16, employed place in that city and traveled to her home near Hughesville. The girl had been told by a physician to stay in bed, but packed a suit case and left before the quarantine card was put up. The trains on which she traveled have been disinfected, but the girlis in a critical condition because of the exposure incident to the trip, which included a two mile drive.

-Attorneys for the State Department of Fisheries have been told by Commissioner N. R. Buller to use all proper means to expedite the trial of suits in Clinton and other counties against perons arrested for pollution of the West Branch of the Susquehanna and its tributaries. The post ponement of the trial of the New York and Penna Paper company at Lock Haven has annoyed the fishery officials as it is a test case and other actions that must await the result. Over a dozen new suits are to be started soon on evidence collected that wastes from plants were killing fish up the Susquehanna.

-After standing guard, gun in hand, over a treasure chest containing \$1800 in gold for three weeks, John Enders, 25 years old, of Dalmatia, was overpowered by William High, a constable, and placed in jail. Enders lived with Thomas Umberger, his grandfather. The elder man died three weeks ago. While a preacher said the funeral service Enders stood at the stairway with ince refused to let anybody near. High on Sunhim and easily overpowered him.