

The New Senate.

The new United States Senate now in session under the President's proclamation, consists of forty-four Republicans and twenty-eight Democrats and Liberals, with two undecided seats—two from Alabama and one from Louisiana.

The residents of Chambersburg and vicinity, in this State, are responsible for a neat little annual comedy, upon which they have expended much ingenuity and mathematical talent; but scarcely to any paying purpose.

A VERY excellent idea was broached in the Senate yesterday, to wit, that the Committee on Elections be instructed to devise a plan for the election of President and Vice President simpler and more satisfactory than that at present in vogue.

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An Evil and its Remedy.

We clip the following from an exchange: "There man with any trade is worth a thousand without one. A return to the old plan of apprenticing boys to trades is being advocated. The boys of young men in every large city who apply for employment and fail to get it, for the reason that they cannot truthfully affirm that they are educated or especially fitted for any particular business, constitute a potent argument in favor of reform. Under the apprentice system we should have fewer ignorant mechanics and incompetent business men. A trade is half a man's fortune."

There is a volume of wholesome truth in it. It presents in a nutshell the great evil of the times. How many thousand of young men are there, now idle in our great cities, in our towns and villages, who profess to be seeking work, yet who avoid the foundry, the machine shop, the shop of the builder, and every other place where useful trades are taught and practiced, as they would avoid a pestilence. They seek only such employments as promise little work and large pay. With the most of our young men the learning a trade is not "respectable." And who is to blame for this sentiment so universal among our youth? It is the parents, it is society so called. Society is understood to taboo the mechanic and working man, and hence it is believed that there is no road to respectability through the mechanics' shop.

No greater or more fatal mistake was ever made. No system of education was ever so false and dangerous as that which inculcates the idea that labor is a badge of dishonor, or that the laboring man is not the peer of the most exalted in the land.

The workshop is the best and the surest road to usefulness and to fortune. It lies directly in the path of honor and distinction and wealth. It is the best theatre now offered for the most perfect development of the man of genius and of talent. There is no place where the man of education can demonstrate his capacity for usefulness, better than in the machine shop and amidst the steam and machinery of our great manufacturing cities. It is, above all others, the place for the young man who really wants to work and win his way to wealth and to be honored and honorable position among his fellow men? We need not go beyond our own city, to find examples, which any young man however distinguished his family or illustrious his lineage, may well emulate. These men are the great builders of the day. They create wealth and illustrate the beauty and the power of labor. And the country points to them with pride. The front rank in the grand army of progress is accorded to them and to man of their stamp throughout the land. Let our young men of education look to the example which the life of the sturdy mechanic furnishes, as one worthy to be followed, and we shall have fewer idle and dissolute youth, bringing misery upon themselves, and shame and dishonor upon their families. [American Manufacturer.]

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Treatment of New Dwelling Rooms.

The dampness of new, finished rooms, is not due so much to the water used in mixing the plaster, as to the water of hydration of the lime, liberated by the action of carbonic acid. The action of the small quantity present in the normal atmosphere, would, however, be so slow, that no injurious effects could result. But as soon as the rooms become tenanted, the large amount of carbonic acid given off in respiration causes such rapid displacement of water, and with it other matter indicated by the peculiar odors that unpleasant and injurious results may follow. Treatment of the rooms with carbonic acid, before occupying them suggests itself, at once, as a means of rendering them rapidly tenatable. Although, by calculation it would require carbonic acid from the combustion of about 320 pounds of coal, to displace the hydrate in water in the walls of a room of about 1,500 square feet of surface, in practice the consumption, in a suitable way, of about five pounds of charcoal per day, for days, in the rooms, would answer, because the interior portions are protected from rapid action of carbonic acid, as soon as a layer of about one-tenth of an inch has been acted on. This is proved by the fact that Prof. Fuchs has detected caustic lime in walls centuries old.

A MAN'S WAY AND A WOMAN'S WAY.—When a woman has a hen to drive into a coop she takes hold of her hoops with both hands, and shakes them quietly towards the delinquent, and says, "Shew there." The hen takes one look at the object to convince herself that it's a woman, and then stalks majestically into the coop in perfect disgust of the sex. A man don't do that way. He goes out of doors and says, "It is singular nobody in this house can drive a hen but myself," and, picking up a stick of wood, huris it at the offending bird, and observes, "Get in there, you tute!" The hen immediately loses her reason, and dashes to the opposite end of the yard. The man straightway dashes after her. She comes back again with her head down, her wings out, and followed by an assortment of stove wood, fruit cans and coal clinkers, with a much puffing and very mad man in the rear. Then she skins up on the stoop, and under the barn, and over a fence or two, and around the house, and back again to the coop, all the while talking as only an excited hen can talk, and all the while followed by things convenient for handling, and by a man whose coat is on the sawbuck, and whose hat is on the ground, and whose perspiration and profanity appears to have no limit. By the time the other hens come out to take a hand in the debate, and help dodge the missiles—and then the man says that every hen on the place shall be sold in the morning, and puts on his things and goes down the street, and the woman does her hoops, and has every one of those hens locked and contented in two minutes, and the only sound heard on the premises is the humming by the oldest boy, as he mends the broken pickets. [Banbury News.]

REFORMED CARD-PLAYING.

The Springfield Republican was checked beyond measure the other evening, on going to the reading rooms of the Young Men's Christian Association, to see a company of immortal beings, ranging in age from sixteen to thirty-five, paying a game of cards. Yes, they were genuine card-players. But our surprise grew intense as we saw in place of the jack—that little devil—the queen, and his pickled majesty the king, such persons as John G. Whittier, Miss Stanish and others. It pointed us to see John the Baptist, whose raucous was of camel's hair, and whose meat was beast and wild honey, ministering to youthful dissipation. Ah? we sigh for the past, when we need to retire from the too close observation of land parrots to enjoy a good game of High-Low-Jack in the haymow. Out upon such calls over the table as "Tale of Two Cities," "The Last of the Mohicans," &c. Give us the sweet old sounds, "I beg," "I pass," "Make it." But the boys did seem to enjoy themselves over those regenerate cards last evening.

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That unfortunate set of men known as Washington's body servants are being thinned out so rapidly by death of late, that not more than a few thousand will be left to take part in the coming Centennial Celebration at Philadelphia. The last one killed was named Basil Lee; met his untimely death in North Carolina recently while he was burning brush in a new ground and near a tree some men lashed with an ax. They halloed at him and told him to get out of the way, but being rather deaf he did not hear them, and the tree fell on him and killed him. He was a former slave of General Washington, and it was twelve years old when General Washington gave him his clothes to live with him at Mount Vernon or to be sold. He preferred being sold and was sent to Richmond and put on the block, and was bought by a member of the Lee family in North Carolina, and has remained as that family ever since.

REFORMED CARD-PLAYING.

There is a broad distinction between character and reputation, for one may be destroyed by slander, while the other can never be harmed save by its possessor. Reputation is in no man's keeping. You and I can not determine who other men shall think and say about us. We can only determine what they ought to think of us and say about us, and we can only do this by acting squarely up to our convictions.

REFORMED CARD-PLAYING.

Win. Sterner, of this place, last week bought of David Baird, of Dunstable twp., 27 cases of tobacco amounting to \$1,832.48. Mr. Sterner shipped 60 some cases last week. This is getting to be a very considerable trade in this county, there having been, as we are informed, about 1,800 cases cured on the flats between Lock Haven and Jersey Shore, in the year 1872. [Union Republican.]

CLARKSVILLE, Mercer county has the most commodious justice of the peace in the State. He is ready to marry anxious candidates for matrimony on the shortest notice, and in the strangest place. His last exploit is thus related: Last Sunday, a week ago, a Miss Fitch, and a gentleman, Mr. McKnight, both of Hartford; Trumbull county, Ohio, taking a drive, in some way wandered to the wondrous little village of Clarksville. They inquired for a "Squire," and when he was introduced to them their delicate desires with all the accompanying hesitation and blushes. They started for our legal gentleman's residence. A smart rain began to fall. The covered bridge over the old canal had to be passed, and as Tom caught sight of his shelter, a new idea made his eyes twinkle. Turning to the impatient couple, he remarked that he "guessed they had better stop in out of this awful rain. They could sit in the carriage, and he could do it just as well there as elsewhere." The amorous ones agreed to this, and there, in the old bridge and the dusk of evening, under the pattering rain, smid a group of curious ones who all knew the tricks of the old joker. These two were pronounced husband and wife. In all the records of strange marriages in strange places this one must stand without a parallel.

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