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A Rambling Thought.

The office imp on my elbow is asking for "more copy." We look the smutty-faced brat in the face in despair, and then, selecting an item from one of our exchanges, we tell him to "set that" till we "write something."

And now what shall we write? We can think of nothing new. Everything that we know anything about has been exhausted long ago, with a good many that we don't know anything about.

Here, Imp, is "more copy." Hon. George Bancroft, the Historian, delivered the eulogy on President Lincoln, in the House of Representatives, at Washington, the other day.

And what has all this immense conflict been about? An ideal shadow! The notion on the part of the North that the black race were intended by God to be freemen, and that they were foully oppressed by the Southern system which made them subservient to white masters, was seized upon, by aspiring politicians, as the pretext for plunging the country into civil war.

But these things are over now, and, by the grace of God, we "still live." We have survived the terrible ordeal, but are far from being out of danger yet. Our country still bleeds at every pore, and it will require the "most healing of medicines" administered by the most skillful of physicians to close the gaping wounds.

Healthy exercise is the open air of Democracy, with copious draughts from the old cup of the Constitution...

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But we have always had an abiding faith in the people. During all the storm of war and ruin of the last four or five years, we have ever cherished the belief that the people would straighten things up if they once got a chance.

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A delegation of negroes, claiming to represent the colored population of the United States, called upon President Johnson lately to express their sentiments on the negro suffrage question and to ascertain the views of the President in relation to the same subject.

President Johnson very condescendingly considered all the sentiments presented by the delegation, and replied to them in kind but positive terms, giving them to understand that he was, in no case, favorable to negro suffrage, or to the equality of the races.

The above is about the President's position on the negro suffrage question, and from it the radicals have but little to hope. The triumph of their pet doctrine, even in the District of Columbia, is indefinitely postponed.

self, and the certainty of negro suffrage and equality in the District of Columbia, is exceedingly remote.

Very unexpectedly, the radicals of the country have found, in President Johnson, an obstacle which is extremely difficult for them to surmount.

In all this, President Johnson is the friend of the country and of the white race. And so long as he continues to snub the radicals and to administer the government on constitutional principles, he will be supported by the people, who are beginning to see that their interest is on the side of the President.

The Next Governor. In political circles, in this city and throughout the State, the name of the Hon. George W. Woodward has been frequently mentioned in connection with the approaching selection of a candidate for Governor.

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There was a time when an amendment to the constitution was a subject of universal interest. It is a subject of universal interest now. It is a subject of universal interest now.

Address of the Democratic State Central Committee. DEMOCRATIC STATE COMMITTEE ROOMS, HARRISBURG, Feb. 9, 1866. To the Democracy of Pennsylvania:

The events of the last political canvass are yet fresh in your minds. You announced your unswerving endorsement of the Union, and President Johnson, and denounced the doctrine of negro suffrage.

Organize in every nook and corner of the Commonwealth. Organize to sustain the President, to maintain your principles, to restore the Union, to vindicate the supremacy of your race, and to bury the pretensions of the South.

Since the New Jersey Legislature has become "Republicanized," a law has been passed closing election polls at sunset. The same law is demanded by the "loyal" voters of Philadelphia.

President Johnson and the Radicals. When we consider the difficulties that beset the Executive of the United States at the present time, we cannot but be struck with surprise at the manner in which he has been able to surmount them.

These questions and others will soon be upon the country, from the so-called Republican organs and leaders, and will not make negro suffrage an issue in Pennsylvania? The leaders of the "Republican" party are now engaging in the "preliminary" arrangements for a "national" convention.

The Last Man.—The Portage Register (Wisconsin) chronicles the death of Calceonius, Wisconsin, on the 27th ult., of Joseph Creole, born near Detroit, Michigan, in 1726, and who had attained, therefore, the amazing age of one hundred and forty years.

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COUNTY AUDITORS' REPORT. JOHN SHANNON, Treasurer of Centre County, A. D. 1866. To balance due County at last settlement, \$6824 80.

CONTRA—OR. By amount due by collectors A. D. 1865 and previous years, \$32429 14.

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