Rellefonte Democratic Watchman

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To our talented and staunch friend, Jos W. FUREY, Esq., late editor of the Clinton Dem ecrat, the readers of the WATCHMAN are indebt ed for the editorials, locals and selections in this number of the paper; he very kindly consented to assume editorial duties, for one week, while we were otherwise engaged. EDITOR.

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-A temperance convention was held in this 'place this week. No drunken men were present.

SINON CAMERON calls Gov. Curtin a "constitutional drunkard." Better be that than a constitutional thief, like SINON

-GRANT takes pride in showing the "fine points" of his horses. We'd like somebody to show us the fine points of the President.

MRS. BLOOMER has ceased to bloom in bloomer costume, and has determined to bloom hereafter in petticoats. Sensible Bloomer.

—The Rellefonte Watchman says the most popular line thereabout—is a fishing line with a trout on the end. Wouldn't mind fighting it out on that line if it took us all summer.—Hot-lidaysbray Standard.

Good for you. Come down and try it. ___ A Radical paper says: "Crowd ed out-the Phil'a markets." And he might have added, "Truth out of our paper, and decency out of the Rad-

....The people are slumbering and sleeping while Radicalism is stesiing away their substance and destroying their liberties. "How long, O Lord, how long?"

ical party.

-Paper petticoats have been invented for ladies. We shouldn't like to go to see a girl who wore a paper petneoat. We'd be afraid of tearing itaccidentally.

-DAVID NOGGLE, the new Chief Just ice of Idaho, spells Gop with a little "g." Which illustrates about the amount of reverence the Radical party have for the Deity.

-John Cain challenges Mike Gil-LESPIE to fight him for a purse of five hundred dollars. This amount of money, in the former's possession, would certainly "raise Cain."

-Some "Jenkine," in a letter to a Philadelphia paper, describes the beauty of a number of young ladies of Harrisburg, whom he mentions by name Such anobbery is disgusting.

-A dying wag requested that no person be invited to his funeral, because, said he, "it is a civility I can never repay." An emphatic instance of the ruling passion strong in death.

-The State Guard, a radical sheet at Harrisburg, under the editorship of WIEN FORNEY, has "played out." If the Telegraph would oblige the country in the same way, it would be a great blessing.

-A Radical editor tries to shift the imperial movement from the shoul ders of his party to those of honest hearted Gen. Lee. But he makes as bad a shift of it as he made of his captaincy in the army.

-COMMODORE NUTT and Miss MIN will get along happily and that the gallant Commodore will nut make war-on his little wife.

-A certain little Radical editor, down at the west end of the bridge, following the lead of his superior on Bishop street, makes another pusillanimous attack on the poor jail wall Stand from under, little one, or the commismoners might blow their noses on you.

---Judging from the "pen and scissor" column of the last Hollidaysburg Standard, we guess that that Traugh now gets himself filled at Snyder's drug store. If Snyder thinks, though, that he is making money by the operation, why, then, that's a bully joke on Snyder-that's all

-We want to ask President GRANT and Gen. Logan whether Gen. Long-STREET, the collector of customs at New Orleans, was careful to hat the graves of the Federal soldiers, buried in that city, properly decorated on memorial day? "Let us have peace."

-Miss Annie Sureatt, the sweet girl who plead, with a breaking heart, for her innocent mother's life, at the door of the Executive mansion, was married, on the 17th instant, to the man of her choice—a gentleman from New York. We trust her future life may be as full of happiness as her past has been of sorrow.

-GRANT appointed a villainous nigger named Turner, postmaster at Macon, Georgia, for the purpose, as he said, of giving the "rebels" a "severe dose." The dose, however, was so nauseous, that even the scalawage and carpet-baggers couldn't go it, and the turned out.



"STATE RIGHTS AND FEDERAL UNION."

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. " Alabama."

Just now we hear a great deal about the Alabama claim. Most people who were attentive observers of the different phases of the late great struggle between the North and South, know what the term means and its derivation. They known that it is a claim brought by the United States Government against England, for damages sustained by our commerce at the hands of the "rebel" privateer " Alabama," under the command of Captain SENMERS, during the years of the rebellion. This privateer was fitted out in an English port, with the knowledge of the British Government, which winked at the transaction, and failed to nip in the bud its contem plated ravages against the commerce of the United States, with which the English nation was then at peace. Accord ing to international law, such conduct on the part of our English cousins was a heinous offence, for which, since the war closed our Government has demanded an apology and damages.

WAR WITH ENGLAND.

The party in power, feeling its present unpopularity, and knowing that a new issue will have to be started, if it would retain its power and prestige, now seize upon this Alabama matter as a joyful pretext for a war with England, thinking such a war would be popular, and give them a still firmer hold upon the public purse. Indeed they are more anxious for a war than for the settlement of the claim, and would much rather hear the roar of the cannon than even see -great thieves as they are-the public treasury plethoric with England's ill gotten gold. sis and such a diversion of the attention of the attentio They seem to feel that only such a cri of the people from the present questions at issue will save them from complete annihilation and enable them to retain in their hands the reins of Govern ment. Consequently they have intimated their determination to make this question an issue in the next elections, thereby hoping to again bamboozle the people into their support.

WILL IT PET? But neither England nor the United States can afford to go to war upon this question. The British Government has a little more) to watch the movements of Louis Napoleon, the craftiest monarch in all the world, the different placy of the present administration. Her tion of the masses. hands are entirely and completely full, and she is just about as able to go to war with England as England is to go to war with her. Instead of talking vote. They imagine that by precending about war, our Government and politicians had much better turn their attention to devising some speedy means of bring her to account for her action in paying off the enormous national debt. lessening the taxes of the people, quieting our internal disturbances, and restoring the country to its former position of unequaled power and glory.

OUR CONSISTENCY.

The United States Government, how ever, cannor consistently insist upon its claim for damages in the Alabama matter, because it is now committing the very same offence for which it assumes to hold England responsible. This very day, in New York and other American harbors, privateers are fitting out to aid the Cubans in their rebellion against Spain, not only by piratical on the high seas, but by carrying men, money, arms and ammunition to the rebels; and the President and his advisers have refused to even proclaim the existence of the neutralhave always been at peace, and that nation was one of the first to recognize our independence of the British Government in the days when such recognition was a power to the patriots who, for eight long years, struggled for the upbuilding of the Temple of Liberty .-With what show of consistency, then,

darkest days of our national existence. The damage committed upon our commerce by the "Alabama," during ts brief career, although considerable, is not worth a war to obtain justice. In fact, no war is needed, because the English Government stands ready to liquidate all just demands. The Eng lish people are opposed to a war with the United States, and they will do all catastrophe. And our Government. owes it to this people and to the chris tian world to be magnanimous in this matter, and thus save to this horrortricken carth the sight of another devastating field of blood and carnage,

A YANKER BOAST. It is all very well for boasting Yankeedom to say that we can whip England in less than no time. We can't do any such thing, and all such talk is emply the inconsiderate ravings of a parcel or contemptible fools, and exactly of a kind with that emdite prophery which declared that we could finish the Southern, Confederacy in ninety days. But even supposing this were true, would not the cost of such a war exceed by many millions the amount of damages we might force England to pay? Where, then, would be the gain? We may be told that we would in this way uphold our national honor. We reply that, so far as that is concerned, our honor is not at stake. If England owes us anything and refuses our just demand for payment, it is her honor that suffers, not ours. A war might force her to pay the claim, but it could not, in any manner, vindicate our honor, because our honor is not imperiled. Peace is what we want now, and peace

THE GRAND MOTIVES.

The Radical party, or the party in power in this country at the present time, have so far exhausted their resources that they are forced to turn to a war with England as their last resort. Knowing the hatred which the people have for negrosuffrage-really the true issue now between the parties-and being determined to carry it through, they are willing to plunge the country into checking the onward and desolating a contest with England, hoping in this way to cover up the obnoxious measure as much as she can do (and, we fear, in the consideration of the seemingly more unwortant question of the war. It is not for the sake of the damages done to our commerce by the "Alases of the Irish question, and to pre bama" or to vindicate our national vent the Fenians from pouring out their | honor that the Radicals are apparententhasiastic hosts upon the soil of Can-ly so eager for an English war, but it ada, besides being vexed to death by 114 for the sake of burying out of night many other intricate and troublesome the vital questions now of so great inquestions; and the United States Gov. | terest to the American people the real, ernment has a "white elephant" in the TRUE issues before the country-thus NIE WARREN were married the other shape of the domestic troubles arising accomplishing their abominable designs day in New Haven. We trust they out of the late war, and the stupid polity another great and infamous dedep

Another grand object of the Radical party leaders, in thus advocating this war, is their hope of catching the Irish great indignation against England and holding out the idea that they will soon the "Alabama" matter, they can secure not only the vote of the Fentan organization but that of the whole Irish community in the United States' It is a direct bid for the Irish vote of the country-an infamous attempt to deceive a gallant people, whose love for their native Ireland would induce them to aid in almost anything that looks, howsoever remotely, toward the ultimate liberation of the "Green Isle of the Ocean."

IRISHMEN REMEMBER.

But in this, we think, they will be mistaken. We imagine that Irishmen have not so soon forgotten the party that only a few years ago endeavored depredations upon Spanish commerce to ostracise all foreigners, and especially Irishmen, from the privileges of American citizenship. They certainly have not yet failed to remember how this same party, under the banner of "know-nothingism," attempted to ity laws. With the government bring obloquy upon our foreign born of Spain we are now at peace, citizens, and to enforce against them laws that would have made them no The storm is rising, and already its better, politically, than were the serfs strength is swaying the reeds and rushof despotic Russia. If they have not forgotten these things, or, in fact, if Tree itself. Once this Tree would have they have failed to remember that the party which now offers them its friendship and solicits their acquaintance, has always been their bitterest enemy, can we insist upon our demand against and is to-day the same that it has ever England, when we are at the same | been-the blackest, dirtiest, meanest, probability now is, that Turner will be time requiting with similar unkindness most rascally and unprincipled politiburied beneath its ruins; A wake, O, the very friend who stood by us in the cal organization that ever had an exist ye People!

tence, they have less astuteness than we have given them credit for, and will. deserve all the calamities that will publish the following funny postin from undoubtedly be their portion in case they shall give in their adherence to We expect "Tim Bumblebee" has had this many-headed monster of Radical his counter part in a good many places iniquity,

We warn the people, then, to give no heed to this new Radical dodge. It is they can, in honor, to prevent such a a stupendous humbug-a most brazen attempt to impose upon credulity of the country. Keep the Radicals up to the work : make them face the music : force them to meet the great issue of negro suffrage, and compel them to measure strength with the power of an outraged and indignant people. Under compulsion, they will then be obliged to fight this matter on its own merits, and will most assuredly be overthrown. Heretofore they have succeeded in deceiving the people, but now, if we re fuse to allow them to resort to any other issue than the great one of Negro Suffrage, we shall strip them of all disguises and expose them to a scornful world in all their native hypocrisy.

We do not want to be understood as being the friend of England. We have as little love for that Government as any other American citizen, but we have too much regard for our own land to sit quietly by and see it plunged into a cruel war for the sake of giving permanency to the rule of Radicalism. In case the blundaring stupidity and infamous designs of our Radical rulers should involve us in a war with England, the Democracy will have to fight it, as they have always had to fight all our foreign wars. But until that time shall come, we feel it to be our duty to put our countrymen on their guard against the nefarious and dangerous schemes of the Radical leaders, and to do what we can to prevent a consummation which, viewed in its most favor able light, would be an awful calamity.

WHAT WE WANT. We want peace and prosperity in this country once more. We want low taxes and security for life and property as in the days of yore. The only way to obtain these great blessings is by march of the Radical party, and by refusing any longer to how down and worship the images which it has set up.

Let the people, then, go for peace and ignore war, and thus force this Radical monster down from the throne which it has established, and compel it to come up to its overthrow as its great political Waterloo.

Awake! O, Ye People!

The duty of a sentinel on the watch towers is to sound the alarm when danger approaches." So, likewise, the duty of an editor is to warn the people against the encroachments of a power which threatens to take away their lib-

Believing this, we say that it is useless to disguise the fact that Imperialism is making rapid stides in this country. At first it appeared as a little cloud, no larger than a man's hand, but it has gone on increasing until now it darkens the sky of the Republic, and threatens to burst in an overwhelming storm upon the people.

The advocates of Imperial Rule are able, wily, and fearfully in earnest. They are sowing a seed that will yet blossom into the flower of anarchy, unless the people shake off their slothfulness and go forth into the field determined to root up this the vilest of all the rank tares that have yet attempted to impede the growth of the Tree of Liberty. Our institutions are in danger, and this, too, at the hands of the very guardians whom we have set to watch upon the bulwarks of the na-

When will the people awake from their slumber? When will they realize the fearfulness of their peril? Time is precious, and every hour is bringing nearer the consummation of our disaster. es and will soon burst upon the mighty withstood the blast, but of late years its culture has been neglected, and for want of care it has lost its vitality. We must shield it now from the arm of the hurricane, or its giant form will be struck to the earth, and the nation

-Among the humors of the great "Jubilce" at Boston, last week, we the Philadelphia Sunday Mercury since the "Jubilee" began:

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YE JUBILEE.

With some jolly friends, Tim Bumblebes Bat in a room where rum flowed free, Sat in a room where rum flow And talked about the Jubilee

The Jubilee that had begun, And they talked, and drank, and had their

Till within a short time of the rising sun. And so 'twas late when Tim went to bed, With unsteady legs and swimming head, And a pair of eyes that were very red.

Snoreless and quiet he peacefully lay,— To the land of dreams he floated sway— 'Till well nigh passed was th' ensuing day.

And he dreamed of a woman, bright and fair; And of wins and whisky, old and zare, And of joys that drive dull care away

But his fast Illusion was the best, He drank it in with carnest sest, It seemed so real that he felt blest,

He thought that on the State House spira, He heard the far off Boston choir.

He heard Parepa's charming voice, He heard the instruments rejoice, He heard, distinctly, all the nois

He heard, as on a zephyr borne, These words, as from a giant torn; "Let us have peace!—yes, in a horn!

Then to his ears a racket strong Came rumbling, thundering, loud and long, Continued like a mammoth gong.

Is was the big brass ox-hide drum— And louder grews its deafning boom, 'Till Tim's own head began to hum

And then this noisy rub-a dub. That came from way down at the Hub. Seemed like the beating of a tub.

And then it less like mukic seemed— He thought armidst it voices acreamed. He then awoke—he had but dreamed.

The maid was pounding at the door,

He echoed back the maiden's yell, And told her she might-go-and tel His friends that he was sound and

And sures name was Bumbleber He'd not regret the last night's For he had heard the Jubilee'

South Carolina's First Divorce.

We read that the first divorce ever granted in South Carolina, was granted about a week ago. The parties were a carpet-bagger and his wife, who, unable to live together, took the Radical plan of "busting" up an anstitution which kept them within the bounds of morality and commen decency. It seems a little strange that while

the much abused State of South Carolina, upon whose devoted head has been heaped all the vile invective which prurient Radical imaginations could conceive, has existed for more than ninety years without a single violation of the matrimonial tie, the first disgraceful sundering of the bond between man and woman should come from those people who have all along exalted themselves above their Southern n ighbors and professed to be especially the representatives of the religion which enjoins that "whatsoever God hath joined together, let not man put anunder." We say it is a little strange that while the "God-defying rehela" of South Carolina have eacredly observed an injunction of the Almighty for more than ninety years, the "Heaven-favored" Saints from Yankeeland, who now awarm like the locusts of Egypt over the Sunny South, violated that injunction openly, brazenly and without remorse.

"¡Perhaps, however, unlike the laws of the Medes and Persians, in the estimation of South Carolina carpetbaguan the laws of God are changeable. In the hurried march of Radicalism on its way to perdition, old things have probably passed away, and all things have become new. Hence, its votaries interpret God's ordinances to suit themselves, and the sacred one of marriage is to them of no more binding moral force than a civil contract to buy and sell.

Be this as it may, we prefer the morality of the old South Carolinians. We honor the manhood which was toohigh-toned to allow them to but away their wives, and respect the christian feeling that bade them reverence the command of God. More than ninety years existence as an independent commonwealth, without the record of a single divorce case upon their statutebooks, speaks well for the people of the Palmetto State, and is a silent but significant rebuke to States like Massachusette, whose people are always the lamps were out the lamps fell to the ground, and the race assembles who is total darkness, save the moon and stars above: street, corners, with loud voices hyp. This was a signal for the pickpockets to proseocritically thanking God that "they are not as other men are, nor even as this publican." · ·

Pennsylvania.

-The oven at the Berks cottnit alma house contains 224 square feet.

-The Compiler says that the granite for the national monument at Gettybudy is arriving. -Strawberries are selling in Harrisburg at ten cents a quart. "That's as cheap as Radical

-Henderson township, in Huntingdon county, is the fortunate possessor of forty-three spring colts.

-The Adams county agricultural fair will commence on the 28th of September and coninue three days.

-The 4th of July will be observed in Gettys burg. Suppose we have a mice little-celebraion in Bellefonte.

-A Mr. Stephenson, of Pitteburg, formerly of Clarion county, was drowned in the Allegany river, a few days ago.

-An old lady named Mrs. Mary Amick, died in Bedford county a couple of weeks ago at the advanced age of 107 years.

-Meadville is ambitious to be considered a monumental city. She wants to erect a monu. ment to her founder, Gen. Meade.

-Gen. A. B. McCalmont has been mentioned. by a correspondent in the Tituroille Star, as a Democratic candidate for Governor.

-Dr. Paul Schappe, of Carlisle, tried last for poisoning Miss Stinecke, was found

guilty of murder in the first degree. -The Grand Lodge of Good Templare, of Pennsylvania closed its three days session at Scranton, on June 10th The attendance was very large.

-The elegant new hotel at the Katalysine spring, in Adams county, will be open guests about the 25th instant. It has been urnished at a cost of \$20,000, -Mr. J W Hyde, of Sharon, while engaged

in a friendly scuffle was thrown in such a man ner as to knock his ankle joint out of place. and break one bone of his leg. -We see it stated that there is not a single

prisoner in the Warren county fall. If such be he case there must be a great looseness in enforcing the laws in that county. -The Radicals of Philadelphia made their

nominations for county officers last week. The corrupt "ring" ruled the day, and the nonest Republicans are disgusted.

-Mr David Stewart, a prominent and well known iron master, died at his residence, at Colerain Forge, Huntingdon county, on the 19th ult., aged 77 years. He was one of the firm of Lyon, Shorb & Co. -The Clurion Democrat bossis of having re-

ceived eight new aubscribers from one township last week, with a number of others from different parts of the county. That is encouraging Good for Brown!

-The anniversary meeting of the Pennsylrania Reserve Corps Association was held in West Chester on the 1st inst. This was the third appiversary since the organization of the usaccistion, and the ninth of the corps.

-The Democratic Association of Reading, on Saturday evening, passed resolutions de nanding of the forthcoming State Convention the nomination of General Winfield Hancock for Governor of Pennsylvania "whather he will or not."

-Levi Dubbs, of Abbottstown, York county, has an orange tree with over two hundred oranges upon it, some of which measure fifteen inches in circumference, and a lemon tree containing three hundred and twenty-eight lemons, some measuring 11% inches.

-The Brookville Herald has been sold by Capt. J. P. George to G. Nelson Smith, Esq., au old veteran Democratic editor, who continues the paper under its old name—the Jeffersomen. We extend our editorial hand to Mr. Smith and tip our editorial straw hat to Mr. George,

-The surviving soldiers of the war of ISIS will hold a meeting at the Court House, in Erie, on the 21st of June, with the object of renewing old acquaintance, and asking Conthey were negroes Congress would be sure to

-Samuel Morrow, an old citisen of North Huntingdon township, Westmoreland county. murdered his wife on Monday of last week, by beating her brains out with a club He is supword to have been laboring under a fit of insanity, as he had previously shown symptoms of being unsound in mind.

4. The Monigomery county delegates to the vote for Gen Hartranft for Governor. The delegates from this county would] have been instructed the same way, if the editors of the Republican here had possessed any influence But as they didn't amount to anything, the delegates go for Geary,

-Says the Clarion Deme you ever think of the time and labor of premaring copy for a newspaper-besides the work and expense of printing it? Last week the ocrat contained one hundred and thirty different articles, besides advertisementsmany of them mere items—but all on different subjects. Beveral columns were written. In fact we write more than the length of an ordi nary sermon every week ; and what makes it more difficulty, is changing the subject so often. But writing for a pap labor of reading, culling, and extracting from other papers. With nearly a hundred weekly and daily exchanges to "go through" each week, in order to be properly posted, and to cut out and condense all the late news, requires much time, patience and perseverance-If all our subscribers were each to perform the duties of an editor for about a month, not one of them would afterwards complain about the price of subscription, or censure any little mistake or omission on our part. -The Petroleum City Record has the follow-

ing account of a great storm at Oil City: A ter-rific wind arose on the 11th Inst., at about four o'clock, extending slong Oil Creek for several one of great excitement under the canvass of Robinson & Kenyon's circus and menagerie. The tent was filled with people, and the centre poles were tora from their fastenings and came down with a crash, but fortunately, no persons were seriously injured. The ladies ere not at all moderate in testing the strength of their lungs, and it is stated could be distinctly heard above the screeches of the wild boasts. One lady received a severe cut in the head. Troubles do not come singly however. The canvass was re-arranged for the evening's ing, using metaly the sides of the canvage as protection from non-paying attendants, and the canopy of heaven as a protection overhead (1) [need nothing more in Oil City.] At he close of the evening's performance, se ingly a precessorted plan, the ropes holding cute their calling. One lady was relieved of her portmonic, and everal gentleman emerged from the canvace" "lighter" than when they