

The Democratic Watchman.

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Now and Then.

When FRANKLIN PIERCE died, he was possessed of this world's goods to the amount of \$80,000. He would have left behind him a much larger amount than this, had he been endowed with the fine instincts of pure Radicalism.

Would you believe it? This PIERCE was actually a Democratic President!

At the present time, ULYSSES S. GRANT fills the Presidential office. When this legislator, warrior and sage ascended the White House steps, there was very little which he could call his own.

GRANT is a Radical President!! Now this picture may be placed in as many different lights as you please.

We are taught by it, that while, in the days of Democratic ascendancy, the Presidential office was sought solely for the honour which it conferred - now, under a Radical regime, that same office is sought and coveted as a means of speedily becoming rich at the country's expense.

Aside from all party prejudice or bias, it is undeniable that both the tone and standard of American statesmanship has sadly deteriorated since the rise of Radicalism.

But, the more we look into this matter the less cause do we have for wonderment. Consider, in the first place, the material which goes to form the great majority of the office holders here!

The politician of Democratic days was of another type. Radicalism had not yet inaugurated that gigantic system of official corruption, nor had it as yet prostituted the Executive power to the base purposes of partisan cliques.

Men served the country for the honour of the thing: in this alone they found their sufficient reward. It was accounted meritorious to retire from the country's service poorer than when you entered it.

Yes! We are now on the down grade of official corruption and national degradation. Everything that was formerly held to be commendable and worthy is contemned and eschewed by those smaller spirits who now have the destinies of the country in their keeping.

For gold his sword the hireling ruffian drew, For gold the hireling judge distorts the law, Wealth heaped on wealth, nor good nor safety buys The dangers gather as the treasure rise.

Thanksgiving Day.

The following is the proclamation of President GRANT, recommending Thursday, the 18th day of November, as a day of "thanksgiving and prayer and of praise to Almighty God."

Doubtless, we all have great reason to give God thanks. These we owe Him at all times, because He is the author and creator of our being.

Especially has Gen. GRANT, now President of these United States, great reason to be thankful. But a few years since he was a poor Galena tanner. Today he occupies the highest position in the world.

The following is the President's proclamation -

A PROCLAMATION OF THE PRESIDENT. The following proclamation has been issued by the President: "The year which is drawing to a close has been free from pestilence, health has prevailed throughout the land, and the harvests of grain, fruit and manufactures have been unusually abundant and profitable."

Diplomatic.

DANIEL SICKLES, the murderer of PHILIP BARTON KEY, and the man who induced his wife to sign a false confession of her intimacy with him in order to save his (SICKLES'S) worthless neck from the gallows.

Of such, however, are GRANT'S selections. He has yet to exhibit the least judgment in his choice of officials. But one or two of his appointees are of more than the most ordinary ability, and many of them are far below the average, besides being, like SICKLES, men of very bad character.

highest positions, we are unable to see. But then, we, doubtless, are not so penetrating as GRANT; who, in the estimation of his admirers, is the quintessence of all worldly wisdom and discernment.

The Elections on Tuesday.

In lieu of any comments we might be disposed to make on the elections in New York and other States that occurred on Tuesday last, we submit the remarks of the Patriot, which says: "If anything were lacking to prove the fact that the radical party is in a state of thorough disintegration and lapsing into sure and speedy decay, the elections of Tuesday last would supply the evidence."

We begin with Massachusetts, the home of radical propagandists, the birth place of "the party of good moral ideas," the paradise of retrogressive progressionists.

Next come we to New York. The Empire State elects the whole democratic ticket by majorities ranging from 10,000 to 20,000. One branch of the legislature is certainly and the other probably democratic.

New Jersey responds to the greeting of New York, with a working majority of democrats in each branch of the legislature. This disposes of Mr. Cartell, who was ousted into the seat in the United States Senate filled from Mr. Stockton three years since.

And now gallant, faithful, vigilant Maryland echoes back the cry of victory. The demagogue have carried the State by at least 25,000, and the legislature is unambiguously democratic.

From the Northwest, so long under the baleful influence of false political doctrines, come tidings of democratic gains and radical defeat.

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The present Governor of Wisconsin, FAIRCHILD, is charged with having preyed upon a fair child of nature by the name of MOLLIE NEWCOMB, who has kept him in hot water ever since.

We've it stated that the nigger adjutant general of South Carolina horsewhipped the Governor's white secretary the other day, because the secretary had been tampering with the nigger's wife.

Brewster

While all men may regret the removal of Hon. BENJAMIN H. BREWSTER from the office of Attorney General of this State, because he has the reputation of being an honest and able man, yet it is a fate that Mr. BREWSTER has merited.

The Radicals, says the Lebanon Advertiser, have already been compelled to back down from two of their attempted frauds, by which they tried to place in office men of their own stripe, in place of the legally elected Democrats.

What Leading Republican Newspapers Say of Them.

Some of the leading Republican newspapers reflect on Grant for placing himself in the equivocal position he holds in reference to the late gold gambling operation in New York.

Now we hope that in all this the President will learn one useful lesson. It is in brief, that not only is personal government played out in monarchies, but that family influence will not serve any good purpose with a Chief Magistrate.

The President has been misled into making some poor appointments, such as that of General Sickles to Spain, that of Washburne to France, and now that of General Butterfield.

We hope the President will understand "that the Grants are not in the least better than other folks because he is President."

Mrs. ABRAHAM LINCOLN is living in seclusion at Baden Baden. Her wardrobe having been exhausted, she has ceased creating sensations in the old clothes line.

For the Watchman. POLITYKLE OBSERVASHENS.

BY OILEY GAMMON.

Mr. Gammon, a Radical Office-Seeker, bewails the Result of the New York Elections--Attend a Meeting of his Club--Resolutions--Incidents, etc.

GRATE MORAL LEE CLUB ROOMS, No. 7 York City, Nov. 3, 1869.

To the Radykle Faithful throout the Yoonited Staits, greetin:

I write to you in much sorer uv heart. The bitterness uv a grate politykly greef weighs hevily onto my buzzum ez I indite these periods.

Voe iz me! The little offis for wich I struv with paytridic enerjy, will be the reward uv sum oncircumwilled Demokrat, who only clam onto the people is hiz attempt to destroy the government we built up with Raddykle blood since 1861.

I wuz a sittin into Kaptin Bolter's saloon, last evenin, waitin to heer the result uv the electshen returns.

Alars! Yoo York hed gone Demokrate by thirty-five thousand!

On heerin uv this katastruf, our joy vashed. There wuz an end uv our mirth. I hed my glass raised half way to my mouth when the grand totle wuz announced.

For sum minits, our sorer wuz too deep for outward expressshen. Kaptin Bolter wuz the first who burst into tears for he hed lost hiz usual kollektshen.

After the first provovsions uv our greef hed subsided, Bolter closed hiz saloon, and we repaired to the rooming uv the Grate Moral Lee Klub.

A sorerful site greeted our vishen ez we entered the room. The Klub wuz in tears. Greef sat onto the countenance uv each individual brother.

The chairman, Kenel Crenthem, hevyn called the meetin to order, I moved, seconded by Kipton Bolter, "that in view uv the sorer that hanz over uv by reesin uv the edamituv uv tellerjy, just received, this Klub do forbear, this evenin, from any diskushen uv the masherl allers."

Immedjely on the passage uv this resolovshen, I proposed that the Klub, in ackordance with its yoodbook custom, do no indolge in the "least uv resin and the flow uv sole."

This yee wuz deemed a good one, and in pursuance uv it, a twenty galin kask uv root beer wuz ordered from its hidm-place under the speakers' platform, when the hall company, by common consent, proceedd to test the quality uv the brand.

Ez one well acquainted with the politykly sitchovashen uv the Stait, I wuz rekeded to giv my vishen uv the prospekt and future uv Raddykshon. On heerin uv my name, I riz to my feet.

"My friends," sed I, "that wich hez klawed our defect more than anything else iz the lessenin popularity uv our household gods, elect among wich iz Yooliasis S. Grant.

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look. Perhaps there iz no yooas in hangin out the bloo lites. But let us be troo to our instints. While we yet hev our holt onto the Federal spoils, let us giv a praktykly illustrashen uv our pokovliar policy by sezuzin onto all we can git, and let the masher take care uv itself.

At the concloushen uv the abuv remarks, Joolyus Caesar Hannible Stubbis riz to throw the Kalshium light uv hiz infleekt onto the meetin, and also to cloosidate a pint.

"Mister Cheerman," sed he, "ez a member ob de kullered element ob dis nashen. I wood ask yoo, sah, wud will be de effects ob de recent defect on de franchise ob de kullered poplashen next year? Yes, sah! Dat nu de quesechen to be quesechen. Kase we are free, dat nu not enuff. We must hab de franchise, and de balance ob power in dis United Union. Why, den, sah, dis grumblin ob sum ob de white element in dis room 'bout voin wid de kullered trash? I tell yoo, sah, we're not de trash--we're de salt ob dis yer nashen? Yes, sah, we're troo, and de Kongris sez we shall hab de vote next year. Yah, yah, Yes, sah!"

When Mr. Stubbis hed resumed hiz seat, Kaptin Bolter riz to respond. The gallant Kaptin remarkt that, in common with every white Raddykle in the room, he had chanced hiz politykly cont so often ez to unvly preclud the possibility uv determinin its original kuller.

The kask, hevyn emptied, the meetin broke up--sum uv the Klub restin on the floor until mornin; sum managed to git into the street, and slept onto the side walk, a few got into the hands uv the police, and a few got away.

I am divided in my opinion ez to whether Radykly root beer iz or iz not tokolovshen.

OILEY GAMMON,

Expounder uv Politykly Economy, and Retale Vender uv Radykly Temperance Drinks.

Col. LAM L. TATE has retired from the editorial chair of the Evening Daily and Weekly Standard, having disposed of his interest in that lively concern to his partner, ANDREW HOPKINS, Esq.

Mr. HOPKINS, the successor of Col. TATE, is a gentleman of talent and a writer of ability. He will keep the Standard in the front rank of journals.

The Pittsburg Post suggests that Gov. GEARY be impeached. That might be well enough if enough honest legislators could be found to impeach him. He deserves it, certainly, but members of the Radical party now a days don't get their deserts. That's what's the matter.

Late Publications.

The Old Guard for November is a most useful, with the freshest and most substantial thoughts. It is a sterling and noble periodical and should be in the hands of every man in the country.

The November of the Lady's Friend came to hand last week, but too late to secure a notice in this issue. It contains a life-size steel plate of THE SISTERS, just such as may be found in many a sweet American home.

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