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Ink-Slings.

—BILLY SEWARD is in Mexico. Better stay there.

—"Roguery is the last of trades." But the Radicals work at it notwithstanding.

—"A California hog has seven ears." That hog's a pig for ears. But, maybe, they're corn ears!

—How can ULYSSES S. be ordinary looking when everybody knows that he has such fine presents.

—"Every little frog is great in his own bog." Which applies to certain individuals in this place.

—We hear a great deal about the "coming man." If he is coming, why don't he come? Yea, verily.

—The Huntingdon *Globe* thinks our head would weigh more than the big turnip we got the other day. His wouldn't.

—A paper states that "Sumpter has a four legged chicken." We are generally pleased when we have a two-legged one

—ROBERT BONNER has bought another trotting horse for twenty thousand dollars cash. BONNER is a shrewd man, but *this looks like throwing money away.*

—A new paper has been started at Hammonton, New Jersey, called *Truth*, and devoted, it says, to the truth. It certainly can't expect Radical support.

—It is said that JEFFERSON DAVIS is going to be President of a life insurance company. JEFFERSON is bound to be President of something. We admire his pluck.

—GRANT, while in Washington, spends about half his time in his stables. He has in the neighborhood of 20 nice horses there, that he received for fat offices

—There is a refreshing story afloat that Mrs. GRANT threw $50,000 worth of JIM FISKE'S diamonds out of the White House window. More likely she threw them into her pocket.

—Speaking of "ink slings" makes us think of gin slings. But there is a difference between the two. The first we get up—the other we get down. Printers can appreciate the distinction

—It MORROW B. LOWRY means business, GEARY will have some impeachment charges to answer But we don't believe he does Like all other Radicals, he will make the best he can out of it for his own pocket.

—Stoind GRANT remains in Washington, waiting until the man who is writing his message gets through, when he will no doubt go out for a little recreation. Poor fellow it is *so* long since he has been out of the city

The statue of THOMAS JEFFERSON in Washington city, is covered with verdigris, while that of FRED DOUGLASS, the darkey, is daily brushed and cleaned by a one armed white soldier "And the negro troops fought nobly"

—It is stated that Secretary BELKNAP declines public dinners, testimonials, &c We don't know how to believe it. A Radical office holder declining to receive anything is a spectacle that our eyes are not used to.

A Spanish official gave a banquet to SICKLES in Madrid, on the night of the 11th instant SICKLES is better at banqueting than anything else He learned to "banquet" in the low dog geries and assignation houses of New York.

The Pittsburg *Post* states that two boys, neither one of whom had seen more than ten winters, were picked up on Fifth Avenue, as drunk as "boiled owls." Just how drunk a "boiled owl" is, however, the *Post* does not inform us.

—The man who told his wife that he was surprised at her taste in wearing another woman's hair on her head, was fitly answered when she told him that she was equally surprised at his persistence in wearing another sheep's wool on his back

—The Harrisburg darkeys celebrated the anniversary of LINCOLN'S emancipation proclamation the other day They had a picture of GRANT in the procession, but nary a one of LINCOLN. It was like playing HAMLET with the part of HAMLET left out

—The pith of a decision of Judge BARNARD'S, in Chambers, in the New York Supreme Court, is that when a man places a ring on a lady's finger, and solemnly promises to live with her as her husband all the days of his life, he virtually marries her. According to this decision ministers and magis

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The Radical Kaleidoscope.

In view of the evident decline of Radicalism throughout the country, the leaders of that party are just now being sorely exercised over two special considerations, viz:

1. How to retain the offices;

and, as a necessary means to this end,

2. How to be all things to all men.

In the working of these two problems, the Radical leaders place their main reliance upon the blind credulity of their followers, the great majority of whom believe in and support the party organization without precisely knowing the nature of those pernicious principles which they support and encourage by their votes. Say to these zealous factionists that the principles which they endorse are subversive of good government, of morality, and of social and political liberty, and they will meet you with the remark that they are supporters of the party which carried the nation successfully through the late civil war. This fallacy they are taught to believe. They never, for a moment suspect that the war was in any way a blunder; that the Republican Party are guilty of, and responsible for, many of the evils and disasters which followed; or for that narrow minded and vindictive spirit which embittered and prolonged the contest. They cannot believe, either, that the Republican party inaugurated that series of attacks on the constitution, which Radicalism has since followed up to the subversion of civil and political liberty in the subjected States. All this the rabid factionists cannot and will not believe, party prejudice rendering them blind to the real state of the case.

But during the past year, a marked change has "come o'er the spirit of their dream," with respect to many of the hitherto staunch adherents of Radicalism These have begun to suspect that the views and pretensions of their chiefs are inconsistent with their acts This large and increasing section of the Radical party have not been asleep to the political events of the last year. The election of General GRANT has not fulfilled their expectations of the beneficial results to be derived from his administration of the national affairs The rapid increase of the Federal debt the corruption which exists in the governmental departments; the very unsatisfactory condition of the national finances, and the inexpertness of the administration at Washington to treat these questions ably and successfully all this is beginning to tell on the minds of those who have a regard for the present and future welfare of the country

With a view, therefore, to the healing of this rapidly increasing schism in the ranks of Radicalism, the leaders, and the entire herd of office seekers belonging to that faction, have betaken themselves to other modes and methods than those hitherto in use It is by them that the party cries which secured the election of General GRANT, have now lost their savour No specious platitudes, studied speeches can revivify them into healthy life To meet this exigency, Radicalism now affects a wonderful solicitude and concern for the securing and perpetuation of "the results of the war" This is the manner in which the Radical prophets now put the "situation" before their followers, in speeche and in caucus all over the country It is now no longer "Grant and Peace!" "Shall Treason, beaten in the field, rule in the Cabinet?" "Grant and a united Country!" All this would be useless now

The administration has been exclusively Radical for the past year; the country is by no means thoroughly united; and as for peace, the policy observed toward the South is inevitably tending to its estrangement. So these political seers have betaken themselves to another base. Trusting to that credulity of their followers which has already so often lifted them into office, they now assume that great and beneficial results accrued to both sections of the Union through the late war; that Radical ascendency in the councils of the Government was the prime cause of the advantages and benefits secured; and that, *per se*, the perpetuation of the present Radical *regime* is the only certain and legitimate means to secure and thus accomplish

Having arranged everything thus, the faithful are exhorted to look at the political situation through the newly-arranged Radical Kaleidoscope, and mark, how and by whom, the country has been saved from irretrievable ruin—the lenses, in this case, being the speeches of hackneyed political speech makers and expectant office seekers The faithful view the false situation through this medium, and go away filled with the conviction that Radicalism must be of divine origin, and the only safeguard for the welfare of the Republic—their leaders, the while, *smiling complacently*, and repeating the words of Mokanna, the Veiled Prophet of Kohrassan:

"There ye wise saints! Behold your light—your star—
Ye would be dupes and victims and ye are!"

But that large class of Republicans who have had the eyes opened since the election of General GRANT, are not to be thus cajoled. They are veering round to the conviction that Radicalism is a huge swindle, which lays as an incubus on the prosperity of the country, crippling its energies and retarding its progress in almost every particular

And such, indeed, must be the conclusion arrived at by every thinking person who has watched the course of events since the spring of 1861. Compare the condition of the country then with its *status* now. Nothing has been accomplished in the way of Progression. Much has been done in the way of Retrogression. Previous to the war, the South was a source of prosperity and consideration to the whole Union. Now, by reason of Radical ascendency, corruption and mismanagement, it has become "a withered and distorted member, adding no strength to the body politic." Before the war, this nation had a government based on the principles of Democracy, in which the doctrine of the sovereignty of individual states was fully and freely acknowledged and carried out. Before the war, the Federal Debt was of trifling extent. Now, we have a National Debt which might put to shame those of some European nations Before the war the masses were not ground to the earth by taxes, one third of which find their way into the pockets of Radical office holders and their satablites. Now, under Radical rule, all this, and much more, obtains. The debt of the country, in place of being much less, is now much greater than at the close of the war Query Where do the taxes go? And these taxes are imposed with a careful consideration for the pockets of the rich, and an utter disregard for the well being of the poor Class legislation is now a recognized portion of governmental machinery and the natural outgrowth of this has been the rise of a Monied Aristocracy. Government officials openly and shamelessly gamble in the nation's stocks, guaging the rise of their wealth by the misery of the masses.

All this speaks louder than words. No amount of sophistry can be made to gainsay it It teaches the incontestible truth that a change in the management of the National Government has become an imperative necessity, if the country is ever to regain its wonted prosperity It proclaims the great fact that this Republic, so called, is in that transition state which must inevitably lead to either Anarchy or Despotism The only means of escape from one, or both, of these evils lies in the speedy triumph of Democratic principles and for the ascendency of those principles, every friend of his country every one not hopelessly wedded, to party and party prejudice, must fervently and continually pray. FAIR.

A thousand years scarce serve to form a state,
An hour may lay it in the dust—and when
Shall man its shatter'd splendour restorate,
Recall its virtues back or vanquish time and fate?"

Last Week's Distinguished Dead.

Major General JOHN E. WOOL, a hero of three wars, and the oldest officer in the American army, died at his residence in Troy, New York, on Wednesday last, in the 86th year of his age. Gen WOOL was a distinguished officer of the war of 1812, was Gen. TAYLOR'S right hand man in Mexico, and performed important service in the late war between the north and south He was the strictest disciplinarian in the army, and was a man of great subtlety of mind. SEWARD and WOOL have gone together to that "undiscovered country from whose bourne no traveler returns." As they were companions in arms here, so are they now companions in the hereafter. A regretful country weeps over their loss, but their example is left for imitation by the heroes who are to succeed them.

GOV. PRATT.

Ex Governor PRATT, of Maryland, formerly a Senator of the United States, is dead. Governor PRATT was an able and influential man and an astute statesman Maryland and the country generally, by his death, have been deprived of a wise counsellor and a pure citizen.

COMMODORE STEWART

Rear Admiral CHARLES STEWART, the oldest officer in the American navy, died last week at the advanced age of 91 years. He lived in Bordentown, New Jersey, and has resided there ever since his retirement from the active duties of his naval life. Admiral STEWART was a successful as well as a brave and gallant officer. He was connected with the earliest scenes in our naval history, and from his known courage and invincibility acquired the *sobriquet* of "Old Ironsides" STEWART was cotemporary with HULL and DECATUR and JONES and BIDDLE, all gallant names in American naval history, and, with them, achieved for the American flag the supremacy of the ocean. His glory is the glory of the country, and the country will mourn the death of him who was one of the noblest of her sons. Thus are going one by one, all the great lights of the past—the men who made the name of America honored and respected and feared throughout the world.

GOVERNOR WICKLIFFE

Ex Governor WICKLIFFE, of Kentucky, is dead. Gov. WICKLIFFE was an able and distinguished Kentucky statesman, and filled several high offices both State and national. He died full of years and full of honors.

AMOS KENDALL

Hon AMOS KENDALL, formerly Postmaster General under JACKSON and VAN BUREN, died at his residence near Washington city, on the morning of the 11th instant He was 86 years and *three months old.*

ROBERT J. WALKER.

Hon. ROBERT J. WALKER, at one time a resident of this place, but for many years a citizen of the State of Mississippi, and a statesman who has filled many important public offices, has likewise shuffled off his mortal coil and gone to his long home. Mr. WALKER was secretary of the Treasury under President POLK, and was a very able man. It is said that his death was caused by too great a strain upon his mental faculties while trying to solve our intricate financial problems.

Will Geary be Impeached.

There is a prospect that GEARY will be impeached. He deserves it certainly, and if it comes from his own party will be all the more humiliating to him The Erie *Observer* has an article on the subject from which we quote

We conclude from what we see in the eastern papers, that a vigorous effort is going on to secure the impeachment of Guy Geary at the next session of the legislature

It is broadly stated that the leader of the movement is no less a person than our own resolute and energetic senator, Morrow B. Lowry who he will not want to be told, yet even to the DEVIL against Geary for dismissing his intimate friend and well beloved friend Brewster from the attorney generalship after pledging himself time and again that he would not do anything of the kind

Were it for nothing else than his course upon the attorney generalship, Geary is strongly liable on ground of impeachment for he has certainly disgraced himself and the State and brought a page from the chief magistracy, by his double faced pledges, to an extent that calls loudly for his removal from office

But this is by far the least of his crime It is charged by Brewster that Geary believed Wallace H. Rumble, the late State Treasurer, to be a defaulter to the State, and at one time seriously contemplated the prosecution. If this is so why is it that the governor has failed to perform his duty? The legislature will owe it to the State, to itself, and to the public generally to have to agitate this startling charge, and if need be, to bring in a bill of impeachment against Geary

The governor is also accused with being a member of the "Ring" and with having shared in its profits In this event the evidence of his complicity is easy to be obtained if gentlemen of that party insist in behalf of the people, that there shall be no half-way work about it. Let us see whether corruption can continue to stalk in broad day light at Harrisburg, and whether the State must continue to suffer in purse from the perfidy of her chosen officials

We urge Senator Lowry to go on in the work he has laid out for himself He will have the encouragement of the honest portion of the community throughout the commonwealth, and can add more to his fame than a life-time spent in fetching to party fidelity

—Read ROWLAN'S advertisement in another column.

Will Sickles be Recalled?

We are told in the daily papers that a strong opposition is growing up among the members of Congress to the retention of Gen. SICKLES as our minister to Spain. It is intimated that if this feeling continues, SICKLES will not be confirmed, and somebody else will, consequently, succeed him.

We are in favor of the change, and trust that the Senate will reject SICKLES' nomination. We can lose nothing by the change A worse man, or one less fitted for the position than SICKLES, it would be hard to find; but it would be very easy to find a much better one. In ordinary times the killer of PHILIP BARTON KEY would not be competent to represent this Government at the Spanish Court, and in the present juncture it is simply folly to keep him there. Spain has a revolution on her hands, in which we are more or less interested—one which may eventually put into our hands, the "Gem of Antilles," provided our Spanish affairs are managed with judgment and discretion. It is highly important, then, that our minister in Madrid should have a clear head and a cool one—essentials which Mr. SICKLES has not, never did, nor ever will have. Let him be recalled and another minister sent out who has brains enough to reflect some credit on the country.

Presbyterianism.

At last the two schools of Presbyterianism have united. The old and the new have lost their distinctive features and merged themselves into one body. Henceforth, we shall not talk of old and new school Presbyterians, but shall speak of the church as a whole—as one great and powerful body of earnest working christians.

This union, so satisfactory in every respect, took place at Pittsburg last week The two Assemblies met there according to adjournment, and dissolved their separate existence. The old and the new joined hands, adopted a basis of Union, and agreed solemnly to be henceforth and forever united. So that now the blue banner of Presbyterianism floats proudly above the heads of all its followers.

The union of these two branches of the Presbyterian church is a highly important event in the religious history of this country. It marks an era of good feeling—of christian love. It speaks of buried differences—of the resolve to make the pure and holy service of the Master paramount to all doctrinal issues. It tells of friendship, love and truth—of religion, pure and undefiled. All christians will rejoice that the work so auspiciously begun at New York has been completely finished, and will see in it the hand of Providence influencing the minds of His people.

——The papers have been exercising themselves considerably over the little dispute between the male and female medical students in Philadelphia. It seems that the males object to the presence of females at some of the examinations, wherein it is necessary to expose the persons of the patients. In this, we think they are right, for no truly modest woman would desire to gaze upon the naked person of a man, especially in the presence of men, even for the benefit of science. The male students also assert that no gentleman is ever present when examinations of female patients are made by the exposure of the person, such examinations being made in private or only in the presence of female students. Hence, they argue that no woman ought to be present where male persons are exposed; as it is both immodest and demoralizing and outrageous of every feeling of propriety. The male students have undoubtedly the best of the argument, though we do not mean to assert that the lady students insist upon being present at the examinations alluded to. Some distinction ought to be made. Let the sexes in our medical colleges mingle where it can be done with propriety and decency, but not otherwise.

—"Trust in God, but do not stumble yourself." Which means that God only helps those who are willing to help themselves.

Pennsylvania.

—Pottsville has been troubled by mad dogs.

—Murdock has been reading to the Eastonians

—Easton is indulging in a new jail. Guess she needs one

—Mr J. S. Martin, a Georgian, is about starting a neutral paper at Lobighton.

—Eggs were selling in Harrisburg last week at fifty cents a dozen

—Bethlehem is looking after the education of her young men, having provided free evening schools for them.

—A man by the name of Woodley suddenly ceased to care for things mundane by being killed on the Switchback railroad last week.

—Mrs Charles Edwards, the English actress, is at present playing in Lancaster, and will play in Harrisburg next week, beginning on Tuesday.

—Clark Wilson, Esq., a veteran newspaper man, has removed his printing establishment from Butler to Lawrenceburg, Armstrong county, where he publishes the *Northwestern Independent*

—The General Assemblies of the old and New School Presbyterian church, met in Pittsburg on the 10th instant, succeeded in consolidating There is, consequently, only one Presbyterian church now in America.

—The *Tribune*, the Radical organ of Snyder county, wants the spring elections restored Hear it "Let this law be abolished by all means We want no little party skirmishes to interfere with the general battles, or our cause will be the order in every case.

—Hockenberry, convicted of the murder of Miss M'Candless, in Butler county, is to be hung on the 7th of December. On the evening of the 9th inst, he and another prisoner escaped from their cells by means of false keys, and were about leaving the prison when they were timely discovered and returned to their cells

—A horrible affair occurred in Prospect Borough, Cambria county, not long since During the absence of the parents, two little children, a boy and a girl, possessed themselves of a jug of liquor, drank until they were hopelessly intoxicated, and notwithstanding the efforts of physicians the boy died in a few hours, and the girl was in a critical condition at last accounts.

—At several points along the line of the Pennsylvania railroad between Maryaville and Mifflin, the sparks from passing trains have set fire to the leaves and debris and the flames have, in certain localities, crept up the mountain sides, licking and destroying everything combustible in their course. At night the scene is truly grand, when viewed from a distance

—A serious dispute exists between the Catholic bishop of the Erie diocese and St Patrick's church congregation, South Erie, concerning the place of burial. The priest, with the trustees, favorable to the bishop's side of the dispute were recently locked out of the chapel, and the police were called up to effect an entrance The end, it is thought, is not yet.

—On Thursday last the Danville, Hazelton & Wilkesbarre Railroad Company opened the completed portion of their road between Danville and Sunbury, on the south side of the Susquehanna This road when completed to Hazleton will open a new and short route from the west to New York, via the Lehigh Valley. It is expected the road will be completed through to Hazelton early in April—*Carbon Democrat.*

—As Captain West and Mr. Godkins, of Shamburg, were riding along the river road near Tionesta a short time since they were fired on from the bushes. Captain West falling wounded to the ground. A second shot was fired at Godkins, when he escaped, but afterwards returned to the spot with a party of friends, but no trace of his companion could be found, and his disappearance up to last accounts, remained a mystery He had about $600 in his possession

—The internal revenue officials are making sad work with a certain class of distillers in Lancaster county On Thursday last forty-four barrels of whisky were discovered by them hid in straw on the farm occupied by Henry Seigman in Pequea township, and twelve barrels similarly concealed on the farm of J M Mohally in Martin township. Of course the whiskey is confiscated, and the officers, as the saying goes, made a good thing of it.

—A young man, whose name is not given, living just across the line in Maryland, was engaged to wed a lady in Chester county, the day was set, guests invited, and everything ready for consummating the nuptial affair But the foolish fellow accidentally met another girl and married her just in fun, you know, taking out a license costing four dollars, and paying the 'squire ten dollars for his share of the fun Now a divorce suit is in progress

Bonds to Keep the Place.

It is estimated, in a late able article in the *Southern Review*, that the recognized State and Federal debts amount to three billion four hundred and fifty-three million dollars. The local and State bounty debts, it is thought, can not be less than many hundreds of millions of dollars The total mass of public debt, nearly the whole incurred in the late war, for the payment of which provision must be made by taxation, is estimated at four billions of dollars. Ex President Johnson, always an earnest advocate of the war, constantly affirmed that its total cost to the tax payers would prove to be five billions. The interest on this debt is from five to seven and one-fifth per centum! To pay this debt the United States have a population of thirty four and a third millions of souls.

England owes a national debt of $1,642,000,000, paying upon it an annual interest of $126,000,000. To bear these burdens, there are, including the whole of the British Empire, one hundred and fifty four millions of people. The national debt of Austria is about one thousand four hundred and nineteen millions of dollars, and the population 35,500,000 of souls. The national debt of France amounts to two thousand two hundred and forty seven billions of dollars, and its population, with its dependencies, is forty-four and a half millions. The burdens of the debts of these great Powers are the results of former wars.

We are thus placed in a position that forbids us to make war even if the national rights and interests demand it. If we mean to pay our debt, we can not afford to add to it. If we repudiate it, who will lend money to repudiators?—*Statesman.*

——As the long winter evenings are at hand—take the WATCHMAN.