# Bellefonte Democratic Watchman

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#### Ink Silnge.

Pic-nics are getting to be all the rage now.

Pitteburg is enjoying the small goz just now. Eleven deaths from it last week.

-Mrs. JAY COOKE and Mrs. J. GLANCY JONES both died last week of heart disease.

-It is thought that the Pope is likely to leave Rome any day for the island of Coreica.

. Radicalism in Centre county is as flat as a pancake. The life has all been smashed out of it.

-The difference between Gen. Mc Candless and Dr. Stanton is that the one d,d the slaughtering and the other the curing.

-We believe that Dr. Brown of the Republican, contemplates accepting the Radical nomination for Assembly -if he gets it. -Local politics are quite warm at

present, and candidates anxious. Go in boys-the longest pole will knock the persimmone.

A reporter on the Philadelphia Age, named Stone, was drowned on the 26th instant. What else could a Stone do but sink ?

- A lady was recently discovered weeping tears of grief over an ice-house at Mt. Vernon. She thought it was the tomb of Washington.

-The Standard says the Tyrone Well, why don't it go? There's gas enough in that paper to send it up a kitin'.

-The French President has refused to accept the resignation of the Minister of Foreign affairs. It is evident that the President is in FAVER of the minister holding on to that portfolio.

-CHARLES DYKE, engineer on ROBERT Fulton's first steamboat to Albany, and the first engineer on a steamboat down the Ohio and Mississippi rivers to New Orleans, died on the 25th inst.,

-Gen PLEASANTON has not yet resigned, and it is reported that he dares they remove him. If this be so. melanter will have a taste of the same k ad of medicine he was so anxious to administer to ANDY Jourson.

-The Ku-Klux investigation com mittee is about to close its labors(?) on account of the appropriation being all expended! Poor fellows-how nice it would have been to have kept up the farce a little longer at the people's expense,

-- If all accounts are correct, the Baltimore murderess, Mrs. WHARTON, is one of the most miscellaneous killers extant. She don't seem to have any consideration for people, whatever. We guess a little hanging would do her good.

-A lawyer in Titusville named by Judge McCandless to pay a fine of \$2,000 and to fourteen years in the Western penitentiary for forging pension papers. Our Bellefonte sprigs can take notice.

-Radical papers show their inconsistency by sneering at tien. McCanb LESS, who stood in the front of the battle for three years, as a traitor, and praising Dr. Stanton, who was always in the rear, with the sick and wounded, as a brave man.

-Low, the American Minister to China, has appointed an Englishman acting United States Consul for the port of Cheroo! Notwithstanding this has been done by Low, we may, under the circumstanges, appropriately inquire, how is that for high?

-The great fight between Secretary BOLTWELL and Revenue Commissioner PLEASANTON IS all about beer stamps. The Secretary says that the Commis sioner lost the Government \$5,000,000 revenue, and the Commissioner says he did'nt-it was the Secretary. So it

-The telegraph recently stated that the Rev. T. V. Moore, of Nashville, was no more, but directly afterward contradicted itself and said that he was still Moore, but was very ill. We shall probably know more about it bebefore long. The telegraph should be careful.

country as that. We'd sooner at- until the people's folly, in 1860, transtempt to enjoy life among a school of ferred the Government into the Kands lilly spare him from the public coun-Alligators.



"STATE RIGHTS AND FEDERAL UNION."

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Claiming all the Brains of the Country, Has the Radical Party Show any in its Choice of High Dignitaries?

That very moral and self-righteous organization, the Badical Party of the United States, have always' claimed that they possessed all the brains and all the ability in the country. They have laughed to scorn the idea of any intelligence among the Democracy, and have pharisaically exclaimed, We thank God that we are better than other men.' They have arrogated to themselves all the virtues in the calender, and hooted at their opponents as men incapable of entertaining a sensible thought or of expressing a wise opinion.

From such a party as this, the greatest things might have been expected. It should have given the country the most profound laws, the most eminent rulers. And yet, when we come to examine what it has done in this respect, we are astonished at the meagreness of the exhibit. We find that it has done absolutely nothing. In all its acts of legislation, we find nothing upon the statute-book that will stand Blade wants to go "up in a balloon." the test of time or the fire, of investigation. The whole work has been to accomplish something for the party of the present-nothing for the country or the people of the future. In everything it has done, it has manifested the most narrow and contracted spirit, never for once soaring into the broad realms of statesmanship, or rising equal to the magnitude of the great questions that have, in years past, agitated the body politic.

But, little as this party has done in

the matter of giving us wise 'laws, it has done still less in the matter of wise rulers. With the exception of the two ADAMSER, the men it has put into the precidential chair have been mere nobodies. Since then it has elected HARRISON, TAYLOR, LINCOLN, GRANT. The first and second of these presidents went into office on the strength of their military achievments. It was not even pretended that they were men of ability. Neither of them had had any civil experience, nor were either of them versed in the first principles of government. They were plain, unlet tered men-fit for fighters and nothing else. ABRAHAN LINCOLN WAS & second rate Western lawyer, who had made some noise by talking about an irrepressible conflict between the white and black races, and famous for telling droll stories and smutty jokes. GRANT, the last of the remarkable four, rode into office on the military furore of the people, because they fooliably Joseph K. Turner has been sentenced imagined that they were owing him an everlasting debt of gratitude, which circumstances, mankind are in the J only the presidential chair could in part repay. His qualifications for the high position have proved to be even less than those of his three insignificant predecessors, and to-day the people who were so anxious to make him President and the party that pushed with joy if they could but be Hd of him. He has disgraced the office and the country, and reddened our cheeks with very shame for his ignorance and venality.

Such are the Presidents which this party that has claimed all the ability and intelligence of the country, has put into office. How insignificant they seem when compared with such men as Jereerson, Madison, Monroe, JACKSON, VAN BUREN, POLK, PIERCE and BULLIANN -- the greaf lights of the Government, and all elected and supported by the Democratic, Party ! It was these men that made our country and give it sanding and character abroad . Pices are the great Presidents that the prople hise to look back to, wondering to themselves if they will ever see then like again. Of the Your Radical Presidents above named, we died shortly after they had assumed office, one was shot dead in a the see, and the last-namel is now smoking and drinking himself to death, attending horse races and making for himself -We read of a terrible earthquake an immen-e fortune out of the presents on one of the Phillipine Islands by given him for practicing the most diswhich over to hundred people were gusting nepotism. The Deungcrapic swallowed up, and the island depopu- Party, as we said last seeck, is the lated by the flight of the inhabitants. party of the people. It made the coun-Preserve us from living in such a try great and glorious, and kept it so

Presidents were all great and good men, while those of the opposition who were not dishonest were ignorant and incapable. These are facts, and history after while will corroborate them. The Radicals may continue to prate of their intelligence and ability, but the evidence is that these qualifications have all been on the Democratic side of the house. HARRISON and TAYLOR were honest, but fearfully ignorant. Lincoln was not smart and wassa trickster beside, and (FRANT is a mere purchasable commodity, always in the market and ready to knock himself down to the highest bidder.

### Something Loose.

There's something wrong earth is tumbling about at a terrible rate, and earthquakes, tornadoes, thunder and lightning, hailstorins, simoons and cavings in, have become wonderfilly frequent. What does it all mean and where is it going to end? Can it be that the last days are at hand? We are told that in those days there are to be wars and rumors of wars, thun ders and lightnings and great earth quakes, with other fearful signs, Well, we have all these things now but whether on a scale sufficiently large to justify apprehensions of so se rious a matter as the sudden closing up of things mundane, is not just so clear. Taken in connection, however, with the wonderful story of the discovery of a means to burn up the Pacific ocean, and, per consequence, all other oceans and waters, the ignition or which would, of course, set the uni verse affame, we confess that, to a timid mind, there may be some cause for alarm. Science tells us now that our earth is a boiling, bubbling, molten mass of reething fire at the centre, and that the firm ground on which we stand, is but a crust around this horrible furnace, which at no point exceed fifty miles in thickness. If this be so, and this molten mass at the centre be disturbed by various causes, as often as our scientists say it is, then it is no wonder that we so frequently have such carryings on on this upper side of the crust. According to these fellows, we are living on a very treacherous soil that may at any time crack open or blow up, and send all of ADAM's

race into perdition or kingdom come. Well, well-we don't know anything about it, and don't propose to bother our heads with unsatisfying specula tions. We'll endeavor to take things as they come, believing that as old earth has stood a good deal of knock ing about for five or six thousand years, she'll be able to worry it out for per haps a thousand more. Under all hands of Providence, and if anybody is wise enough to demonstrate how the thing could be bettered, let him proceed to unfold his plan.

-The Age understands that a large number of men in Baltimore him forward, would clap their hands have been promised work on the streets and under the water department of Philadelphia by the Radical managere. This is in anticipation of the coming fall election, when these men will be used to swell the Radical vote. The Age remarks that these men will be watched and arrested the moment they arrive in the city, as the "Demo crate do not intend to be cheated either by native or imported acoundrels."

This is right, and we trust that s successful effort will be made to prevent the employment of a lot of aliens upon the public works of Philadelphia. She has enough poor men within her own limits to do all the work she has to give them, and it would be criminal injustice to crowd them out in order to make room for expected Radical voters from another city. Let the Democracy of the city, aided by the Mayor, do all in their power to prevent this great trand from being perpetrated upon the poor working men of Philadelphia.

----And now Hon. D. W. VOORHBES rignifies his intention to retire from public life at the close of his present congressional term. This may be very agreeable to Danier, but we judge the news will not be quite so acceptable to the people. Mr. Voorings is one of the ablest and most eloquent Democrats in the country, and we can but of their enemies. The Democratic cils.

### The Law Supreme.

Some trouble seems likely to grow out of the lynching of MARTIN MEARA, who whipped and burned his son to death at Watseka, Illinous, the account of which is printed on one of our inside pages. MEARA was arrested and put mprison for trial, from which he was for fibly taken by a mob headed by some of the most respectable citizens, against the protests of the Sheriff, and taken out of town and hung. Gov. PALMER now orders the Sheriff to arrest the lynchers, and states that he will assist him with all the power of the State, if necessary. The Sheriff says that it will be extremely hard to arrest these men as the popular sympathy is with them, but that he is willing to do his duty. Such is the way the matter stands at present.

In our opinion, Gov. Palmer is right in asserting the supremacy of the law, and there is one of two things that the lynchers will have to do either give themselves up and stand a trial, or leave the State, and perhaps the country, as the Governor could demand their delivery to him from the authorities of any other State into which they might retire. MARTIN MEARA was a fiend in human shape, and, so far as he was concerned, met with a righteous retribution. At the same time, the laws of this country guarantee to every man charged with crime the right of trial by jury, and the people have no right to take the law into their own hands. We may even applaud the act which revenged the outraged popular feeling upon the nurderer of an innocent boy, and that boy his own son, but we cannot justify it Should the law, or those appointed to execute the law, once concede the point that the people in certain aggravated cases have a right to do as they did in the present case, then the law would speedily become a dead let ter, without spirit or meaning, and anarchy and disorder reign supreme. Hence, the only guarantee of the peace and order of the State and the happi ness and prosperity of the people, is a strict regard for law by the citizens and a prompt and faithful vindication of its violated majesty by the authori

The lynchers of MARTIN MEARA would do well to give themselves up and stand their trial. In view of all the circumstances of the case, the fiendishness of the murdefer, and the shocked and outraged state of public feeling, we doubt very much if a jury can be found who will be disposed to punish them very heavily for the summary proceeding which they took to rid the world of a monster.

-We learn with regret "that Mr. Deserve of the Chambersburg Falley Spirit, has lost his only daughter by typhoid fever. Miss Dencan accompanied her father to this point when he came here to attend the Democratic editorial convention, and was afterward one of the happy party that made the excursion to Watkin's Glen. She was a young lady of much amiability and intelligence and was held in high esteem by the ladies and gentlemen of this heace who made her acquaintance. We sympathize with our cotemporary in his sad bereavement, but human sympathy, though sweet, cannot repair the desolation which death makes in heart and home.

-It must be a little discouraging to President GRANT, when he looks over the political field and sees the hosts of former friends that are deserting his standard. Even the HARPERS are pitching into him a little, and Senator Tirron declared in Omalia the other day that if the 'perambulating President' was again nominated, he would take the stump for the Demo cratic candidate. And so it goes. Like rate deserting a sinking ship, GRANT's friends are skedaddling at a wonderful rate, leaving the rotten presidential craft to sink to the bottom of the political ocean.

-- The poem furnished by Joun HAY, at the reunion of the 'Army of the James,' is as much superior to the one furnished by BRET HART at the reunion of the 'Army of the Potoman' as the moon is to a cat's eye. If either of these men will take advice, they will discontinue their played out poems in dialect and produce something worthy of their powers.

Shall There be a Lady President in 1872?

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1871.

No one, we presume, not even Mr Greeley, will claim that negroes have more intelligence than women. In all history there have been distinguished women, great painters, sculptors, writers rulers, and some of them especially Elizabeth of England and tharine of Russia, actually surpass ed all their male contemporaries in great function of government. On the contrary, since the world began, not one solitary negro did anything, never even invented an alphabet, or took one solitary step toward what we call civilization, nor till the world ends, short of a new creation and a different brain, will there ever be one solitary negro with capacity above the white lad of twelve to fifteen. Still, it is claimed by new 'amendments' to the constitution that this negro is a citizen, with the same rights and the same status as the white man, while the party that has done this 'big thing' in the way of 'progress' denies that the immeasurably and inexpressibly superior white woman is a citizen, and must expect to be ruled by a being whom God has created so vastly inferi or that no words in the language can fitly express it? Meanwhile, however, women seem determined to reject this monatrous rule over them, and, unlike the negro, who on all this continent never said one word or did one deed for his 'emancipation, ' they ask no favors; and, fighting their own battle, show themselves quite competent to enter the list and contest the question with the ablest of their male opincluding even the redoubtable Greeley himself. But why should not they hold a National Convention, and se lecting Victoria Woodhull, or Mrs. Stanton, or one of the best exponents of the cause for the Presidency, enter on a solemn and complete canvass, de claring that if such inferior beings as negroes have been made citizens, the same 'amendments' have made citizens of those whom God has created with all the capacity for citizenship so inmeasurably superior? No doubt they could poil a larger vote than any other party, for even those women who ordinarily would care nothing for suf frage must feel themselves so outraged that they would vote the ticket, and we should like to see any judge or court in the land that would dare to question its legality while assenting to negro citizenship. N. Y. Day Book.

## Et Tu, Brute.

One by one the friends of the Presi dent desert him. When he first en tered the White House the Radicals were enthusiastic in their praise of the atlent soldier who was to reconstruct the Union, and bring disorder out of the chaos of civil war by the mear rattle of his saber to its sheath. his professed admirers are limited to the circle of his own relations of the Federal office-holders, the two being in most cases identical. Among the most persistent of his trumpeters have been the Messrs. Harpers, who in their several periodicals have lavished much praise upon him. They too, however, have at last been forced to change their tone, and in the last number of their magazine publish the following bitter assault upon him in the form of n extract from a letter of Thomas Jefferson, in which the writer said:

The public will never be made to be here that an appointment of a relative is made on the ground of merit alone, uninfluenced by family views; nor can they ever see with approbation offices, the disposal of which they entrust to their Presidents for public purposes divided out as family property. Adams degraded himself infinitely by his conduct on this subject, as General Washington had done himself the greatest honor. With two such exam ples to proceed by I should be doubly excusable to err. It is true that this places the relations of the President in worse situation than if he were a stranger; but the public good, which cannot be effected if its confidence be lost, requires this sacrifice.

An attack so bitter and unexpected as this must greatly annoy the Presi dent. While criticians of his official acts is always in order, it is not pleas ant to see him thus suddenly stabbed by those who have been his foremost triends. The Messrs. Harper, of course, share in the shame which all good citizens leel at the gross nepotism of the President, but their assault upon the man whom they have heretofore so uniformly defended is cruel in its suddenness and sarcastic bitterness.-N. Y. World

-Horace Greeley tells us that some of the purest and best women of New England have gone South to teach the cofored children. Very true; and yet in some cases the South has not treated these women as the purest and best of women should be treated. Near Brandon, Miss., for instance, one or two of them were actually ostracised not long ago for no other offense than that of bathing in the river with a number of colored gentlemen.—Louisville Courier.

-Rochefost is to be tried upon an indictment, which before a Court Mar-tial, can hardly result otherwise than unfavorably to him.

Spawls from the Keystone.

-Eric city has a debt of about \$900,000. -Mahanoy city is to have a \$40,000 Catholic church.

-Wolves have made their appearance in Cumberland and Porry counties.

—Last year Pennsylvania farmers raised 68,000,000 bushels of oats, the largest quantity of any State in the Union.

-Joseph K. Turner, a lawyer of Titusville, on Friday last was convicted of forging affidavits for the procurement of pension certificates.

-- A daughter of John Shimp, of West Calleo township Lancaster county, was burned to leath a short time since while trying to kindle a fire with kerosene. - Camp meeting, under the charge of the

Methodist Protestant Church, will be held on the land of John Barton, near Fawn Grove, York county, Pa., commencing on the 10th of August.

-Eighty dollars worth of frogs were eaptured at Greenville by Pittsburg parties scently, the time occupied being three days. They used a dark lantern and thus succeded in catching them alive.

-A son of Samuel Zeager, near Centervilla Lancaster county, aged eleven years, died very suddenly lately, from the effects of indulging in too much cold water while under excessive perspiration. -Nine fat gentlemen of Pottstown, Mont-

gomery county, have been challenged by nine fatter ones of Douglasville to play a game of base ball at the latter place. The Douglasville nine weigh 1,000 pounds. -Mr J H. R. Fryer, of Pottstown, has an

apple that was grown in 1868, and is now two and a half years old, and is in a good state of preservation. He kept it in his cellar. This is certainly something of a champion apple.

-Martin Stauffer, of Penn township, Lancas ter county, aged 93 years, this harvest, in two hours, reaped six shocks of wheat. He has in good health, and looks as if he would last many years longer

-A large number of citizens of Cambria and Somerset counties met at Davidsville a few days ago for the purpose of taking steps to build a railroad from Johnstown to some terminus in Someraet county, connecting with the Connellsville railroad.

-The Eric car-wheel works, which started

about four years ago , says the Erie Republican commenced operations by manufacturing four wheels a day They now produce eighty, and still the orders continue to roll in. Manufacturing don't pay; of course not--The Johnstown Tribung says: The

machinery connected with the Cambria fron ompanys steel works was successfully tested on last Wednesday, and steel rails made with entire satisfaction to all concerned. We learn that in the course of about two weeks the works will be finished in every detail, and work go on uninterruptedly. -A housekeeper should never buy catfish in

June or July, because the fish spawns in June, and for some weeks protects its young, lead-ing them out as a lien leads har shickens, into various leading grounds, and driving off predatory fish, such as as perch, sunfish, pike and ther shoal waters varieties. while the parent cattash is lank and thin, and not fit for human food. -At the meeting of the stockheiders of the

Pennsylvania steel company, held in Philadel phin on Friday last, it was unanimously agreed to accopt the supplement to the charter at the recent session of the Legislature, and to authorize the increase of the Capital stock to the amount of one million of do'lars. It is intended to enlarge the works at Baidwin, and make a usinber of improvements.

-A little son of Wm McCarl, of Miller's Eddy, Armstrong county, Pa, was killed a few days ago in a very peculiar way. He was play ing with a large augur, carrying it in front of him with the point against his breast. Going near a horse it kicked him, striking the hans die of the augur and driving the stem entirely through the body of the child, and carrying away parts of his lungs. The child lived but a few hours.

-At Philadelphia on Thursday of last week while the Pennsylvania railroad cars were passing Thirty-fifth street, a young man rushed from the sidewalks and deliberately placed his head on the track immediately in front of the locomotive. Before the train could be stopped every car had passed over In the hand of the diseased was clutched a piece of paper inscribed as follows: "James Davis, born 1847. Left without friends, death tute, and tired of living."

-A Venerable Switch Tender At Bridgeport, on the opposite side of the river is a switch tender name I Frederick Arnell, who has been in the service of the Cumberland Valley in that capacity ever since it became a railroad—thirty four years ago. Since that time he has performed the responsible duties associated with his position in the most faithful and upexceptionable manner. In rain and sunshine he has ever been at his post, and, although about eighty years of age, he daily turns the switch. Mr Arnell was born in France and foughtunder the leadership of Aspoleon in the memorable wars between 1812 and 18.5. If his appearance and active movements are any indication, he may live to perform the duties of switch tender for many years. But wouldn't the Cumberland balley railroad company show its appreciation of his faithful service by promoting him to a position more lucrative and less exposed and responsible? Certainly a veteran who has served the road faith fully for thirty four years, through summer's heat and winter's cold, should be kindly remembred in his declining years -Harraburg Patriot.

-From the Lancaster Intelligencer Saturday evening about six o'dlock Mrs. Cathurine Kirby, aged 101 years 6 months and 15 days, died at the residence of her son-inlaw, Michael Suilivan, Mrs. Kirby was of Irish birth, having been born in Quaenstown, Ire-iand, on the lat of January, 1770. She came to America with her daughter, Mrs. Sullivan, twenty-two years ago, and removed with her and her-husband to this city sleven years Mrs. Kirby spoke only the ancient irish ianguage, having an aversion to the English. She was never sick a week in her life; never used speciacies, and her head was covered with a luxuriant growth of jet black hair, among which scarcely a dozon gray ones could be found, Although her intellect became weakened aome two or three years ago she remained in excellent health until a few days provious to her death, when she was overtaken by a lethargy and slent the greater part of her time, until flually and slept the sleep that knows no waking. She was no doubt the oldest person in Lancaster, being the only dentenarian reported by the denars

marchals last year.