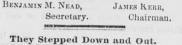
# Democratic Matchman

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P. GRAY MEEK.

Democratic State Central Committee.

The Democratic State Central committee of Pennsylvania will meet at the Bolton House Harrisburg, Pa., on Wednesday, January 21, 1891, at 1 o'clock p. m., for the purpose of electing a chairman and a permanent secretary, and to transact such other business as may be properly be brought before it. BENJAMIN M. NEAD.



The effect of the sweeping Democrat- addition to their efficiency, they fully of the people. ic victory in this county last November appreciated the responsibility of their was fully consummated on Monday by positions and practiced the urbanity must be blamed for this. It too frethe departure from their official places that is due to those who have business quently turns out that a majority of of the Republican county officers who with public officials. The vicissitudes the electors do not comport with a mawere installed three years ago. When of politics compelled them to step jority of the popular vote. It is time they assumed their duties on the first down and out, but no one can say that that this defect should be remedied, Monday in January, 1888, it was with they were not good officers, or that in and the remedy can be brought about the erroneous impression prevailing in their official positions there was any- only by changing the manner of electthe minds of the Republican ringsters thing in their deportment that detract- ing the electors, or by abolishing the that the political control of the county | ed from their character as gentlemen.

hands and that the Democrats were to Responsibility for the Indian Outbreak. remain out in the cold for an indefinite period. "It might be for years or it might be forever." Such was the burden of their song. But in 1889 they had a rough awakening from this bright dream, which was followed by a still rougher experience in 1890 which completely ousted them from the soft warm nests in the county offices which they foolishly thought would be occupied by a long succession of Republican office-holders.

There was considerable difference in the characters of the incumbents who left their positions last Monday. It is scarcely necessary to portray the person who on that day finally severed his connection with the county jail. He went into the Sheriff's office with is one of the stipulations of their treaties high promises on the part of those who with the government upon giving up were responsible for his election, that their lands. But there is abundant it would be conducted on reform principles. He left it with the stigma of having misbehaved as an individual stead of receiving the bounties to which and of having conducted his official they were entitled under a solemn comduties in a way that was discreditable | pact, they were not furnished with sufto him as an officer and disgraceful to ficient sustenance by the unscrupulous the county. He had hardly become politicians who have charge of the warm in his official place before the government's bounty. charge of a gross immorality was brought against him, under which he allowed his reputation to suffer during the disturbance and had an opportunihis entire term of office without at ty to observe the cause of their comtempting a vindication. For three plaint, has made a statement which years he subjected the county to the removes every doubt as to where the

for the people to rejoice. Of course, the minority Commissioner, Mr. FIED-LER, was in no way responsible for the official delinquenciec of the Board, over whose acts and conduct he had no con-- - EDITOR trol whatever. It the majority had been men of his stamp there would no

doubt be a different tale to tell. Two excellent Republican officers left official life in this county last TER and Treasurer Goss. Both of

had been permanently lodged in their

The Indian outbreak in the Northwest has been a great misfortune, causing expense to the government, loss of life to a number of brave soldiers, and spreading excitement among the peaceful settlers of that region ; but as the facts relating to the cause of this disturbance come to the surface they show that the government is responsible for it. In fact it is not too much to say that it is a grievous blot upon the Ad-

ministration. Admitting all the defects of their nature, the Indians have not acted in this matter without provocation. They have always been led to expect that they would be taken

care of by the government; indeed this evidence that these terms have not been fully complied with, and that in-

Father CRAFT, the Missionary who went among them at the outbreak of reproach cf having a high Sheriff, its responsibility for the outbreak belongs. highest executive officer, to whom was Their rations were so much reduced

Improvement in Presidential Elections. fitted for three years, there was reason Again the question of electing our

Presidents by a direct vote of the people is being agitated, and it is singular that some prominent Republican newspapers are advocating it, considering that it has been their party that has been benefited by the defects of the present electoral system. During the past twenty years but one of the numerous Republican Presidents inducted into of-Monday. We refer to Recorder HAR- fice had a majority of the popular vote, and that majority was a small one. them were efficient and creditable of- TILDEN had 250,000 more votes than ficials and returned to private life with HAYES; CLEVELAND'S majority over a record as public servants of which HARRISON was 97,883. Such facts as they have reason to be proud and with these constitute an absolute reversal of which the people are well satisfied. In the theory that this is a government

> the electoral college entirely. As to the first method, it is suggested that

the electors to which each State is entitled should be elected separately by districts instead of generally by the State at large. The benefit of this could be greatly impaired by gerrymandering. But the fairest way, and the one most consonant with out popular form of government, will be to allow the people to vote directly for Presidents. And even this will have its objectionable features until such election reforms are adopted in every State as will give complete protection against fraud, corruption and intimidation.

### An Unrelenting Despot.

The Czar of Russia is doing all he can to make his despotism odious and intolerable. In addition to pursuing trust that he will not persist in menace the despotic policy traditional with his race, he is doing other things that appear to be gratuitously tyranical. His treatment of the Jews is unnecessarily harsh and much more severe than anything that had been done toward them by any of his recent predecessors, and now he is giving evidence of his dislike for foreigners by ordering that all alien workmen employed by his government this city. It is related of Mr. Sin pson shall be discharged and shall leave the that while he was a conductor of a country. This will throw about 11,000 them to great hardship. The horrors of Siberian exile have in no way abated, for messages that may be used to the second them to great hardship. The horrors of Siberian exile have in no way abated, here to great hardship. The horrors of Siberian exile have in no way abated, here to great hardship. The horrors of Siberian exile have in no way abated, here to great hardship. The horrors of Siberian exile have in no way abated, here to great hardship. The horrors to give the total was passing between Bristol and Trenton. More room was needed for presenter to great hardship. The horrors to give the total was passing between Bristol and Trenton. More room was needed for presenter to great hardship. and it would seem that the protest of

bert. (Dem.) by a party vote. Other ninor officers were choser

The message of Governor Beaver was then received and read. It is quite a conservative document in which allusion is made to the recent monetary stringency and it deals largely with the terrible flood of 1889. His excellency thinks it would be judicious to divert from the Sinking Fund a part of the tax on corporation stock, and relieve county taxpayers by turning over to the county treasuries a larger proportion of the personal property tax and the whole of the money collected for retal liquor licenses. The Governor also ventures the opinion that appropriations to so-called charities might be profitably cut down, and a larger amount given by the State in aid of the common schools. He expresses himself in favor of ballot reform if it can

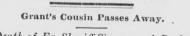
England Would Weep

# There Must Be No Blocd Shed Over the

Behring Sea Dispute.

LONDON, January 5 .- The Standard to-day, referring to the Behring sea dispute, says that it "wears a very unplrasant aspect. Even the possibility of a rupture between England and America can not be mentioned without feelings of deep regret. "America may count upon receiving the full measure of courtesy, patience, and firmness, which England has already displayed. But Mr. Blaine will do well to bear in mind that firmness will be commensurate, should the moment arrive for its exercise, with the patience and courtesy with which he has so far been treated. He seems extravagantly anxious to put himself wrong

"Mr. Lincoln cannot too soon, on his return, devote himself to ascertaining communicating them to his government. There is not a person in England but would hear it proposed with profound regret that shots should be exchanged between British and American vessels of Snow Shoe, Pa. except in courtesy. But it would excite greater regret to hear that the British flag had been insulted and the national honor not vindicated by prompt re-prisals. But we can never believe that the American people will suffer its public servants to force a conflict by an outrage upon our flag. We will gladly now to the tribunal of international law, but not to the nod of Mr. Blaine. We which is certain to be resented and



resisted.

# Death of Ex-Sheriff Simpson, of Bucks -- An Incident of the War

DOYLESTOWN, Pa., Jan. 5 .- Well-

A Wife's Awful Discovery.

South Bethlehem, Pa., January 4 -William Marsh, 34 years old, pro prietor of a small saw-mill seven miles north of this place, met a shocking death in his mill Friday morning. He started to work as usual at 7 o'clock in the morning. At 10 o'clock, while his wife was passing the mill, she looked in through a window and was startled to see the rapidly running saw spattered with blood.

Hastening into the building, a horrifying sight met her eyes. On the floor lay her husband in a pool of blood, with his legs cut off close to the body, and on the opposite side of the table were the severed limbs. The poor woman turned off the power and called neighbors to the scene. Marsh had been dead some [ two week's visit to friends in Illinois. We be brought about without changing the constitution. It is supposed that while fixing something about the saw he slipped and fell across the log that was being sawed lengthwise.

> ADDITIONAL LOC CHURCH DEDICA "ON. The new

United Brethern church, the corner of Thomas and High streets, Bellefonte, will be dedicated to the worship of God, on Sunday February 1st, 1891, by Rev. J. Weaver. D. D., Senior Bishop of the Denomination. Bishop Weaver is a resident of Dayton Ohio, and is said to be one of the most eminent pulpit orators in the country. Let everybody attend and hear the gospel message from one of God's well approved ministers. The Bishop will also lecture on Monday night after the dedication subject, 'Life a Contest.''

MARRIAGE LICENSES .- Following the resolutions of our foreign office and is the list of marriage licenses issued during the past week from the Register's office

John Luther and Annie Katch, both

John W. Knepp and Amanda M. Knepp, both of Clearfield county, Pa. Wm. E. Decker, of Lemont, and Mary E. Weaver, of Pine Grove Mills, Pa. Alexis Gail, and Alisa Lavanen, both of Philipsburg, Pa. James Catlette, and Carrie Hamer,

both of Philipsburg, Pa.

"THEY'RE AFTER ME"- JOHN WILson-And the prospects are that they Dec. 28th. The deceased was thirty-one years won't find him, though a number of of age and had been practicing in the city people have been arrested in various about three years. parts of the State who were supposed to

some other fellow, and now the au-Washington and New York express train thorities are as completely in the dark as Attorney Meyer thinks he has a good -We noticed Rev. Father McArdle on the for passengers to sit down. When arous- clue and we believe he is running it

they feasted on the dainties. In fact we felt sorry that our short name was not on the roll ot membership.

Prof. J. A. Weaver is this week conducting a rge musical convention at Pine Hall, and will end with a grand concert on Saturday evening. This is the last notice to remind our hospitable town of the unusual number of songsters that will be in attendance at the musical convention to be held in the M. E. Church next week. As the proceeds are to liquidate a church debt of long standing we bespeak a good attendance. Just think of one week's good boarding for the small sum of fifty cents. Not too cheap to be good, either.

# Personals.

-Mr. A. Markle, one of the active and reliable business men of State College, is off on a wish him a pleasant trip.

-Mr. J. R. Young, business manager of the Valley News at Connoquenessing, Pa, spent the holidays with his brother-in-law, Mr. Taylor, one of the solid Democrats of Spring township. Mr. Young is the son of Col. Sam. Young, well known as one of the oldest newspaper men in the State, and who we are sorry to learn has been confined to his room for months past.

-Mrs. Joe W. Furey, the bright estimable wife of the editor of the Lock Haven Daily Democrat, spent a few days with triends in this place recently. Mrs. Furey cherishes a ".... g love for Bellefonte and its associations. -Miss Bessie Dorworth, of this place, acording to the Philipsburg Ledger, is visiting her friend Miss Bertha Shoemaker, at Judge Munson's in Philipsburg.

-Miss Mamie Schofield, the accomplished daughter of B e lefonte's popular harness dealer, was visiting her grandmother, in Philipsburg, last week

-Dr. E. W. Hale, of this place, is rapidly regaining his health in the South. Bellefonters will be pleased to learn of the Doctor's recovery.

--Mr. and Mrs. Sam. Reynolds spent the Holiday week with Maj. Wm. F. Reynolds, in this place. The young couple were from Laneaster, where they were married but a short time ago.

-A. J. Tressler, of Buffalo Run, was in to wish us a "Happy New Year," and he contributed a snug sum toward making it a prosperous one too. Mr. Tressler is a very congenial gentleman and a regular reader of the WATCH-MAN.

-Will P. Brew, son of Mr. Austin Brew, of this place, spent Christmas with his parents. Will holds a responsible position in Pittsburg. -Dr. Frank Dale, a son of Mr. Wm. J. Dale, of Pleasant Gap, died of congestion of the

-One of Bellefonte's former boys, Mr. Edbe our escaped murderer, but they are gar Swartz, eldest son of Dr. Geo. W. Swartz, not him. Clinton, Lycoming, Clear- spent sunday last in Beneformer Lin much in the same as he did long ago and is much in spent Sunday last in Bellefonte. Ed. looks just known John T. Simpson, ex-Sheriff of field, Perry, Snyder and Tioga counties love with Punxsutawney where he has built this county and a cousin of Gen. Grant, have all telegraphed that they had the up for himself a handsome trade in tailoring has just died at the Fountain House in man, but their men always proved to be and gents furnishing goods. Ed. learned his trade with Montgomery & Co., of this place, and is a practical tailor of good merit.

streets on Thursday morning. He has been ed the passenger asked where the train out. What it will result in is rather note his being able to he about accion

-Mr. Frank Clemson, Supt. at the Scotia

ore mines, was in town between trains Thurs-

attached the stain of an offense which that they suffered from an insufficiency if properly punished would have plac. of food. By these means the Indians ed him in the prison over which he were brought to the verge of starvation, had jurisdiction. In the discharge of and although the facts were laid before his duties he belied the claim which Indian Commissioner MORGAN he prewas made when he was a candidate, ferred to believe the stories told by that he would be lenient with unfor- those who were growing rich off the tunate debtors who might be brought | Indians' sufferings.

under his official action. Every cent The relations of the Federal governwas unrelentingly made out of the opment toward the Indians, and its reportunities of his office. His conduct sources, are such as with proper manas custodian of the murderers incarceragement would have prevented the conated in the jail during his term showed ditions that made this outbreak possible. that he was either entirely insensible It is to be admitted that the Indian is a of his responsibility or was utterly in- savage and hard to govern, but there different to the proper and decent per- have been enough years of peaceful formancee of his official trust. Even the control of him to make it almost posilast act in his role as the custodian of tive that by proper foresight and the the county's criminals was marked by means at the command of the Interior a degree of carelessness, or perhaps and War Departments control might something worse, that facilitated the have been maintained and the out-

escape of a murderer from the prison break avoided. to which he had been committed for That the Administration has been safe keeping, and enabled him to go grossly at fault in this matter is admitunpunished for his murderous deed. ted even by Republican newspapers. This is not an overdrawn portraiture Commenting upon this difficulty with of the officer who vacated the jail last the Indians the Pittsburg Dispatch is Monday. constrained to say :

As to the Republican Commissioners Our government has obligations to perform who composed the majority of the to this unfortunate and rapidly disappearing Board, their departure was a good rid- race, and the attempt at solution of the problem by killing them off is not the one which dance for the county. For reformers, will commend itself to the better sense of any they were the most remarkable couple civilized people. Look at the management of of incompetents that ever disorganized the Indians by Canada, for an example. By living up to her treaty undertakings Canada and disarranged the finances of a county. They found its financial status in The Canadian Provinces are dotted by proshas kept them in peace and relative industry. first-class condition, and left it with perous reservations. In New York State, similiabilities the extent of which will be larly, Indiaus have been brought into similar known only when a proper and complete paths by the thousands. Our matching contract on the mental one has made a botch and a bungle of audit is made. The county, when it the business. The present spectacle of slaughcame into their hands, was out of debt, ter in the West, while the heads of the Interbut they handed it over to their successors with the old incubus of indebtedness table at Washington, furnishes an unhappy resting upon it as the unavoidable re- and little less than disgracefut contrast. sult of bad management. The sham The course of the present Indian

of a decreased millage, which they at- management has been peculiarly bungtempted as evidence of able financial ling, if a worse term may not be applimanagement, was supplemented by the ed. There were even gross errors in trick of increased valuation. That taking the census of the Indians. Is was the style of financiering which | it a wonder that there was worse than

HENDERSON and DECKER. Their aptitude for economical bridge building question probably think that the best was displayed in the unnecessary cost of the Milesburg Karthans and other tinction of the Labor (The total exof the Milesburg, Karthaus and other tinction of the Indians. There is not mittee of the Republican caucus. bridges, which was dishonestly kept many of them left, but those that still from the knowledge of the people by a remain have been cheated and impos-Davies, and the new Senators were Craft arraigns Commissioner Morgan in large number of wax: candles, added much Auditors' Report. When officers, so forcible resistance which affords a

modern civilization against the govern-was, and, on being told it was passing mental barbarism of Russia has the through Bucks county said, his effect of aggravating its odious characteristics. In the meantime Nihilism stranger, replied. "they call me General has increased reason for plotting against Grant." They then found they were the life of the unrelenting despot. relatives, and enjoyed a pleasant chat.

#### ----- If we were sure that the Force Bill could not pass we should feel like voting pensions to HOAR and the other extremists in the Senate for what they ated J. DONALD CAMERON, for re-elecare doing for the Democratic party. tion to the United States Senate. There Every day they are wasting in Congress in advocating this bill is helping sured. to make the great Northwestern States Democratic in 1862. A dispatch to the New York Herald from Des Moines says : "The farmers of Iowa, regardless of party lines, do not take kindly to the force bill. Carlisle Alliance on Saturday passed a resolution n opposition to it and asking the

United States Senators from Iowa to the Catholic Indian missionary. The include some of the best foot-wear that rights of franchise. This resolution fairly represents the farmers of Iowa."

-----One of the latest reports about

the movements of PARNELL is that he s about to put himself in the hands of his friends. It is well that he should Craft adds : now do so, for there was never a man who by his own act put himself more completely in the hands of his enemies. them hope. Their confidence in him led

## Meeting of the State Legislature,

The Pennsylvania Legislature con- fools but men of keen intelligence. vened in Harrisburg last Monday to resume the legislative business of the their fears. Mr. Lee, who took the cen- turned home looking well. State in biennial session. There was no sus, made the greatest mistakes and paths by the thousands. Our National Govern- jar in its organization, which, of course, counted less than the real number and was in the hands of the Republicans. made false reports of prosperity that did There was something of a contest for not exist. It is not to be wondered that Speaker of the House, the contestants they believed in a Messiah, whom they being Hon. H. Brooks, of Philadelphia, at first doubted, and listened to every the well known author of the Brooks Li- deceiver who promised hope. Interested cense Bill, and Hon. Caleb C. Thomp- whites took advantage of this state of son, of Warren county. In the contest affairs and bawled for troops. The army the country members solidified against indignantly protested against their false the city candidate and easily nominated statements, but had to go to the sup-Thompson in caucus which made him posed danger. Interested whites per-Speaker of the present House. This suaded them that their entire destrucmovement was evidently in the Camer- tion was aimed at and the Indians ran on interest.

On Tuesday at noon the organization was the style of manciering which it a wonder that there was worse than of the rouse was anected by the election of Mr. Thompson as Speaker by a vote the kindness of General Brooke convinc-two Napoleons of County Finance. of the House was affected by the election brought them back to the Agency and Fulton county, the nominee of the plan to send Indians after those still out -Those who manage the Indian Democratic caucus. The minor officers was good, and would succeed if the of the House were then announced, they General were left alone. Just as the tree

The Senate was called to order at Indians." Auditors' Report. When officers, so forcible resistance which affords a incompetent and unfaithful, vacated plausible excuse for proceeding with the places which they so grossly mis- the policy of extermination.

people "came from Bucks county." Mr. son has gone for good. Simpson then asked his name, and the

Cameron Renominated.

The Senatorial caucus of the Republican Senators and members of the Leg- he will only remain there three weeks. was some kicked, and several members being done he proposes reducing his left the caucus, but his re-election is as-

Father Craft on Indian Wrongs.

He Severely Denounces the Manner in Which the Indians Have Been Treated.

he will offer at this REDUCING SALE are NEW YORK, January 2 .- The New all guaranteed products and bear the York Freeman's Journal will publish maker's stamp. Remember these goods to morrow a letter from Father Craft, were not bought for this sale, but they letter was dated Pine Ridge Agency, S. Mr. Powers has in his store. The bar-D. He says in the beginning the Indians hoped for much aid from the Government gains will suprise you and they cant to enable them to become like the whites. last long. They were, however, in every way

abused, mocked and discouraged. 1n-Pine Grove Mentions. stead of being wards they have felt they were victims of unscrupulous politicians, Democratic pillars and good mechanics, is who benefitted by their misery. Father doing some work hereabouts, J. B. Mitchell, Esq., went to Bellefonte on "I know what I say for I have shared their sufferings, and for many years. In their despair General Crook brought Monday last to have administered the ironclad oath, preparatory to entering on his offi-

cial duties as one of Centre county's Auditors. them to hope that he would be able to Our sprightly young clerical friend, James realize his hopes. His death was a se-vere blow to them. The Indians are not Hammer, is confined to his bed with typhoid fever.

"The reduction in rations increased destroyed by fire with all their contents. boys, who for some years has been in Kansas and other western States, very unexpectedly popped in on his aged parents in this place on Christmas eve.

Christmas festivities, On Christmas eve the Lutheran Sunday-School in charge of Rev. C. away in fear and despair. T. Aikens, assisted by Superintendent H. M. "Father Jutz calmed them and Stover, whose energy make it interesting. A

tribution. In the new Bethel church the exercises be traced to starvation and misery of the

Emma Abbott sang to some pur-Her wealth is estimated at from hard to tell. It is our opinion that Wil-

day morning. YOUR ATTENTION ... - We desire to call -John B. Mitchell, esq., one of the County the attention, of the purchasing public, Auditors, is stopping with his brother Jas. H. to the extraodinary condition of affairs Mitchell, on South Spring street. Mr. Mitchell is in town on official business. which exists at Power's shoe store. Mr. -Mr. J. W. Runkle, of Centre Hall, tried Powers has moved his stock into the room two doors below his old stand, but reports it very fine. They have a musical conthe sleighing to this place on Thursday and

vention in progress over there and he says During that time his old room will be that it is very successful. remodeled for his return and while it is -Mr. W. J. Kline , a young man from Julian was a pleasant caller at the WATCHMAN office on Monday morning. Mr. Kline is about to ac stock of boots and shoes. To do this he cept a position as cook in a lumber camp near

will sell off about two thousand dollars Pennfield, and we have no doubt but that he worth of goods at an unheard of sacriwill fill it very creditably to himself and emfice. It will be done merely to decrease ployers. stock and for no other reason, for it will -Martin Hogan, esq., one of Unionville's

highly respected citizens, was in town on involve a great loss to him as the goods Wednesday and dropped in for a pleasant chat. -J. B. Rocky, esq., one of Buffalo Run's prosperous farmers transacted business in

Bellefonte on Thursday. -Mr. Richard Kreamer, of Altocna, passed through town on Thursday on his way to visit his wife's parents at Boalsburg. Dick used to despense groceries and dry goods at State College but he is now ably filling a nice clerkship in Altoona.

Books, Magazines, etc.

THE QUEEN'S LATEST OFFER. - A free education r one year's travel in Europe In the QUEEN's "Word Contest," which the publishers of that magazine announce as the LAST ONE THEY WILL EVER OFFER. A Free Education, consisting of a Three Years' Course in any Canadian or American Seminary or College, including all expenses, tuition and board, to be paid by the publishers of THE QUEEN, or One Year Abroad, consisting of One Entire Year's travel in Europe, all expenses to be paid, will be given to the Mr. Roll Musser, after spending several person sending them the largest list of words years in California and Oregon, recently remade from the text which is announced in the last issue of THE QUEEN. A special deposite of On Thursdny night of last week about 11 \$750 has been made in the Dominion of Can. o'clock, the outbuildings, including wash ala, to carry out this offer. Many other useful house, wood-house and smoke-house, the pro- and valuable prizes will be awarded in order perty of Henry W. McCracken, were entirely of merit. The publisher of THE QUEEN hav made their popular family magazine famous Mr. Fletcher Sausserman, one of our town throughout both Canada and the United States by the liberal prizes given in their previous competitions, and as this will positively BE THE LAST ONE OFFERED, they intend to make it excel all others as regards the value of the prizes. Send six two cent\_U. S. stamps for copy of THE QUEEN containing the text, com-plete rules and list of prizes. Address THE CANADIAN QUEEN, Toronto, Canada. 2t As of yore the Sunday Schools observed the

A Protest Against Cameron.

ALTOONA, Pa., Jan. 5.-About 150 Republicans of this city and county met in convention here to-night and adopted resolutions denouncing the late course of Senator Don Cameron, and calling

ering to the ceiling, loaded with everything HUTCHINSON, Kas, January 6 .--dainties to young and old being lighted with a New Year's day three small children of M. G. Bell. a farmer, living in Barby to its attraction and beauty. The evening afcounty, strayed away from home and ter Christmas the M. E. Sunday-School in get lost in the snow. A search was made charge of Messrs. Brouse and Tanyer, though for them and their dead bodies have void of decoration, had a very pleasant time, been found. They had been frozen to and the scholars and teachers were happy as death.