

Down the hill went the bad youngster's sled, Skimming over the ice. A man and two women went heels over head; That certainly was nice. But the climax was reached at the foot of the hill, And with it a "song and dance," When the youngster's papa midst a loud ha ha Smote the seat of his prodigal's pants. —The colo(g)nial days are gone. Every thing is from the extract now-a-days.

—HARRISON can easily square up to Chili without being afraid that he is getting something "bigger'n himself." —The fifty-second Congress is already beginning to retrench, but it's too late. The billion dollars must all flow out before the treasury will begin to fill up again.

—From the length of time that war clouds have been hovering over Europe one would think that they scarcely know what a sun shine means over there.

—It is in order for some one to invent a snow making machine. A little ammonium solution in DYRENFORT'S "rain maker" might have the desired effect.

—"JACK the Slasher" has at last been caught by the New York police and he is not, as some supposed him to be, a political heeler keeping his hand in for the next campaign.

—When church choirs experience so much difficulty in effecting a harmonious organization why don't the pastors install their hands of hope, to make music for the services.

—The Chilean spies who were discovered making maps of the Pacific slope and its harbors are doubtless making tracks by this time. The map business never was profitable.

—Adj. General McCLELLAND might have the N. G. P. try an overland march to Chili. We venture to say that they would be in plenty of time for any battle that may be fought.

—Three hundred young women in the Baltimore, Md., Normal School have discarded their corsets and garters to adopt the "dress reform" system. The Desartian idea is all right if it does encourage looseness in the fair sex.

—About the only people who seem happy over the prospect of a war with Chili are the pension sharks. If the poor little disension torn, shoe-string of South America can't do anything else she can make pensioners for Uncle SAM.

—It would be a good thing for astronomers to make their charts of the heavens before the Chili troubles begin, for there will be so many luminosities soaring heavenward when we get at 'em that it will be extremely difficult to locate all the new stars.

—A Boston judge has decided that lithographs of females in pink tights are not immoral. The Bostonese evidently intend encouraging every opportunity of studying, even if it be only the symmetry and beauties of nature as depicted on gorgeous show bills.

—In spite of the "Philadelphia old Women's shocked society" the managers of the Academy of Fine Arts will hang pictures of nudity in art. If the modest old ladies of the Quaker city must go to the Academy they will have to put up with the fig leaf clothing.

—BARDLEY is growing tired of his confinement at Cherry Hill and will probably "tool" when the congressional committee comes to investigate the Keystone and Spring Garden bank troubles. There is one thing certain if JOHN "toots" some others will scoot.

—While hunting and fishing at the beautiful Louisiana home of JOSEPH JEFFERSON, the great comedian, MR. CLEVELAND will play Mikado of JEFFERSON'S wonderful Japanese room. It is a marvel of oriental luxury and beauty but DANA should be there to take the role of Pook-bah.

—An exchange remarks that: "Washington seems to be the seat of the Chili war." We don't care what place may appear to be the centre of the struggle, but we do know that the real seat is in MR. EGAN'S trousers and if it had been kicked right well the unpleasantness would have been over long ago.

—"Wizard" EDISON'S scheme to electrocute Chili's army by killing them with a stream from a powerful electric hose is quite a novel one indeed, but quite in accord with the wonderful mechanisms of the great electrician. There is one thing the water battery would do any how. It would wash the dirt off the "greasers" and then perhaps they'd die of exhaustion.

—The play "the Paymaster" which was produced in Lock Haven, on Monday night, was minus "the terrific dive" scene. Just before the time for enactment the tank sprung a leak and the water all ran out. Our sister town could surely have supplied the show people with a natural "tank" which would have filled the requirements. But we fear it would have bankrupted the manager if he had undertaken to fill it.

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Not the Bonanza It Promised To Be.

It must be a source of very little gratification for Governor McKINLEY to see the pet measure upon which he spent so much of his time, during the sessions of the fifty-first congress, being attacked in the first decisive move by the fifty-second. One year of McKINLEYISM seems to be about all the country can stand.

Instead of the greatly increased production of commodities we find a decided decrease, and the out-put in pig iron alone for 1891 fell 1,331,028 tons short of that for 1890. In the face of the fact, that 1891 was one of the most prolific years our country has ever known, and that high tariff and reciprocity promised so much, but two of our staple exports show an increase over the preceding year. Wheat and wheat flour, both enormously stimulated by the Russian famine and the partial failure of crops in France and Germany, are the only evidences of advanced exports under the operations of the McKINLEY bill, and to credit their increase to the Ohio Governor's measure is far beyond the daring of the wildest protectionist.

Out of the 321 members, in the fifty-first Congress, 176 were Republicans, while but 87 in the 324 now in session at Washington, are representatives of the g. o. p. This is one of the most forcible tariff arguments that can well be presented. When the very backbone of Republicanism was the issue when the rich (?) fruits of a Republican administration of affairs were held up to the people as an incentive to continue that administration; when all the power of the fat, sizzled from the protected plutocrats of the land, was brought to bear upon the army of floating voters, to be found in every district; Even then they lost 89 members of the lower house.

Did Mr. McKINLEY then render his party and his country a service which it may justly appreciate and an account of which it may herald him the champion of American industries?

—Harvard and Yale are to have an inter-University debate on: "Resolved that a college education unfit a man for business." If they propose giving a farce debate, on the question chosen, they will have an elegant opportunity to display their oratory and make lots of fun for their audience, but if they are really in earnest the affirmative side has won already. For if there be men in these two leading American Universities who are foolish enough to think that a good education is a disadvantage to anyone their place is in an asylum. The question is far more ridiculous and nonsensical than was the one "Resolved that a man with a silk hat is a greater nuisance to society than a woman with bangs," taken by a State College literary society.

RUSSELL SAGE has the following views on the subject and the affirmative might do well to quote him: "The boy who is wanted in the business world of to-day must be educated. If his parents cannot afford to give him a high school or college education, he must learn to study without the aid of a teacher, in the early morning before business begins, and in the evenings, after business hours. It can no longer be truthfully said that an education is out of anyone's reach. The main thing is the beginning. Don't be in a hurry to get away from your school books. The cares and responsibilities of business life will come soon enough. Go to school as long as you can, and remember, every hour spent in study in your youth will be worth money to you in after life.

Read good books—the Bible above all. Make yourself acquainted with history. Study the progress of nations and the careers of men who have made nations great. If you have no library of your own join one of the numerous associations to be found in all cities, where good, healthful books may be obtained. Study religion, science, statecraft and history. Learn to read intelligently so that you may turn to practical use in after life the reading of your youth. Be sure you begin right. Do not waste time in reading trashy books."

—Subscribe for the WATCHMAN.

Is the Pinkerton Charter Constitutional?

Congressman WATSON, of Georgia, has offered a resolution to the Committee on Judiciary to investigate the PINKERTON Detective Agency, and to examine its charter, methods and purposes.

It is a well known fact that this great criminal hunting organization has, in many instances, become a menace to American citizenship, and the fact that so great an army of armed men, under the control of private parties, exists in the United States to-day has aroused universal comment as to the constitutionality of its charter.

'Tis true that the PINKERTON men are almost invaluable in ferreting out the criminals, whom our clumsy police law would never reach and, at times, their effective services have saved thousands of dollars, in property, from the depredations of mobbing strikers; but when we are brought face to face with the fact that the services of these men are to be purchased by anyone, we then begin to realize the dangers of the organization.

The past ten years of labor dissensions have furnished many glaring illustrations of the over-zealous work of these hired officers and the most alarming feature of the organization is that it far out-numbers the standing army of our country. With 25,000 enlisted men Maj. Gen. SCHOFIELD would hardly feel warranted in making an attack upon the united forces of the PINKERTON Agency, which numbers 35,000, especially since their keenness and daring is so well known.

Is it constitutional to allow an armed force, large enough to completely wipe out the standing army, to be controlled and maintained by private parties? An organization whose services are at any one's disposal for stipulated sums.

For the Grand Jurors.

Last week's issue of the WATCHMAN contained some good advice for the gentlemen who will assemble in the Court House, in the capacity of Grand Jurors next Monday. It is in regard to the proposed improvement of the Court House and the expense which will consequently be entailed upon the county if their report is favorable.

Grand Jurors, your action next week will be final, as to whether the old Court House is to be fixed up—and still be an old Court House—even though the tax-payers have been forced to pay almost enough for a new one, or whether it is to remain as it is until the county is again out of debt and then, if there be a necessity for it, build a new building which will be a credit to the county. If you report favorably the improvements will be made, so be careful that you appreciate the wants of the tax-payers.

—President HARRISON has held back his message, on the Chilean matter, which was to have gone to Congress on Wednesday. His purpose in withholding an expression of his views is in order that he may have more time to consider the least indignity offered our government. It is to be hoped that when the message does come it will urge Congress to prompt action in the matter. For while there can be no honor attached to warring with a country like Chili, yet there is far less in allowing a little fifth rate power to ride over us as she has done.

Meanwhile the Chileans might come to the conclusion that they have been decidedly hasty in their course and the long looked for apology appear. It is known that Minister MONTE is exerting every effort to conciliate our government and it might be possible that an amicable and honorable settlement of the affair can yet be made.

—The Harrisburg Patriot will be at a loss for editorial matter since the election of WRIGHT and HARRITY. For the past two months it has been devoting pages to vituperative attacks upon these gentlemen, and also upon the administration, but now that they have been chosen to the offices they sought it will be rather hard for the Capital sheet to train down to the right kind of work.

—Get your job work done at the WATCHMAN office.

Curiosity and Religion.

Christianity, in the world, is divided into twenty-three principal sects or denominations, each observing a different creed, and carrying on religious worship in their own preferred manner.

Man is naturally religious, and if he is ignorant of the true God, he must make to himself false ones. He is surrounded by dangers and difficulties; he sees the mighty powers of nature at work all around, pregnant to him with hope and fear, and yet inscrutable in their working, and beyond his control. Hence arises the feeling of dependence upon something more powerful than himself—the very germ of religion. 'Twas this feeling of dependence, in man, which gave the Romish church its wonderful power before the fall of the empire and 'twas this feeling which brought the innumerable converts to Catholicism and made the spiritual far more powerful than the temporal rulers. But when the Roman Empire had been overthrown and the Goths and Vandals swooped down from the north to plunder and pillage the rich cities of Italy and southern Europe the only thing possible for the Papacy to do was to charm them into the Church also.

It was at this period that all the pomp and splendor of the Roman Catholic church was introduced into its services. And it was not long until the wild, untutored nations from the north, had been captivated by its beauty and gradually gathered under the control of the church. Curiosity led them on and their inherent dependence held them captives.

There is another kind of curiosity however, which stands in very close relation to the religion of several of our churches, and that it is which leads unprincipled people into the different houses of God where professions of faith are being made. Their incentive is not that simple ignorance, which affected those barbarians of ancient times, nor the gaping wonder which led them on to Christ, but it is a self-willed, malicious curiosity which must be satisfied at the risk of their own souls.

It is with a feeling of deep regret that we notice the growing tendency—among both young and old—to attend religious services from the mere want of some place to spend their time and of something to talk about. We need go no further than the sacred precincts of one of our home churches to find many of this kind and, be it to our shame, the number is ever on the increase.

Hypocrisy doth not merit the contempt which is inspired by the action of those, whose only charm the church contains is in the sincere—though at times wild—protestations of the repentant sinner.

A Boycott on Prospective Women Physicians.

The male students of one of the medical schools of St. Louis, have gained considerable notoriety, and much censure from the public, by a recent movement to remove women from the courses of instruction. They have decided—woman's sphere is at home, where they will allow her, we presume, the privilege of spending her time, if bread and butter she needs, at the lucrative and soul-inspiring wash-tub, if sewers and teachers are not needed in her community. The school has always admitted women to all its classes, but this year the boys determined to reconstruct matters and began boycotting the girls with the purpose of driving them from the institution. However the Dean of the faculty did not appreciate the movement and expelled every student who did not formally take his name from the petition. This subject of individual rights has been so thoroughly discussed by the great minds of to-day that merely to mention the threadbare question seems useless; but when sixteen boys, in that part of the west, where they look for greater liberality, quicker insight and fewer conventional restrictions, take such a stand against higher education and the opportunity of self-support for women, we conclude the wrong is all in home training, for had their mothers and sisters, who possibly are now sacrificing every comfort that their boys may be fitted for life, taught them good common sense, we would not hear this old story of woman's inability and unfitness for professional life.

A Plea for Free Silver.

"We hear the foolish cry that it is Wall street which would suffer by free coinage. How silly this when we remember that the profits of Wall street are made by the fluctuations of the market, and that the change from a stable standard of value to a fluctuating and uncertain one, such as the silver business proposes, would throw the entire business of the country into a kind of gamble out of which Wall street would make its millions, its tens of millions, yes, its hundreds. The farmers, the business men, the working people, the widows and the orphans in our Congressional districts, would simply lose what Wall street would make."—Representative M. D. Harter, of Ohio.

A Judge to be Honored.

Judge Gordon deserves the thanks of all American citizens, whether by birth or adoption, in refusing to naturalize applicants whose ideas of the Government were ready to swear fealty to were as vague as a beetle's ideas of original sin. It is well known that the average Judge of the country through is neither as considerate as Judge Gordon nor as watchful of the rights of those who are citizens. In New York that whole batch of ignorant applicants would doubtless be now enjoying the delights of citizenship, if not made a municipal officer.

Meeting the Issue.

Rodney A. Mercur, of Bradford county, has announced himself as a candidate for the Republican nomination for Senator in the Bradford and Wyoming district, and with his announcement he makes the public declaration that he is opposed to the reelection of Quay to the United States Senate. This was a bold and manly act on the part of Mr. Mercur. The people can thus have an opportunity of deciding, by accepting or rejecting his aspirations, whether they desire the election of Quay to another term in the Senate.

Pampered Senatorial Appetites.

A delve into the archives of Senate luxuries has found that funerals are among the most expensive of all. For the funeral of Senator Wilson the cost, exclusive of the undertaker's bill, was \$2029.58—the meals alone being \$845.58; so that, allowing twenty Senatorial mourners in the party, each was compelled to eat \$42 worth of provender. This, however, was a cheap funeral. The interment of Senator Hearst cost the people not less than \$20,000. On the whole there would seem to be nothing more appetizing for the bereaved fellow Senators than the obsequies of one of their number.

Encouragement for Benjamin.

President Harrison has so much Chili business on his hands now that he really fear that Mr. Blaine will circumvent him and get the nomination. Confound those Chileans—why couldn't they have waited until the political kettle was done boiling. With putting on and off his uniform, spitting on his hands, drawing his sword and saying to himself *lets d'armee*, we apprehend that our President may get behind in the great political struggle with his arch enemy, Mr. Blaine. It is hard for a man to fight a mighty war and achieve a presidential nomination at the same time. But for the encouragement of the grandson of his grandfather we would remark that the thing is not an impossibility. Lincoln did it. Why not Harrison? Spur up, Benjamin! Spur up!

How They Look Upon It.

Our late esteemed neighbors in Chili are said to look on the possibility of a war with the United States with much unconcern, not to say joyfulness. We are assured that the rank and file of the people are aching in their little stomachs to have a bout with the Yankees, and that any action on the part of the authorities which savors of apology would be met with great popular disapproval. It is extremely probable that this statement of the case is nearly an accurate one. Whatever wit and caution is a time of such international extremity President Monte and his advisers may be possessed of is to all appearances not participated in by the people. The ignorant cut-throat character of the lower classes in South America is to blame for all this internal strife and revolution that have become so peculiar to the Spanish American Republics. Such a set of people are not fit to rule themselves. Republican government in such an incompetent civilization is a misfortune. If these semi-savages want to fight it would seem as if they ought to be accommodated. It would be a pity though, for good United States soldiers to dirty their hands at such a job. It would be cheaper and a sight pleasanter to hire a few regiments in Peru to go down and give them three or four square lickings.

Spawls from the Keystone.

—A brick famine menaces Reading building industries.

—The State Horticultural Association met at York on Wednesday.

—Hazleton still wants to get out of Luzerne county and run a county of her own.

—Dangerous curves are being taken out of the Neversink Mountain Railroad at Reading.

—Dairyman F. W. Hoopes was hurled sixty feet by a train at a York crossing. He may die.

—Cofro'e & Saylor will erect a new steel plant at Reading with a capacity of 400 tons a day.

—Lancaster citizens meet to-night to demand that none but Americans be employed on city work.

—The Moravians' 152-year-old church near Milton Grove, Lancaster county, has just been torn down.

—A decision of Judge Reeder frees South Bethlehem from paying \$10,000 damages in opening streets.

—Rev. Dr. C. K. Nelson, of Bethlehem will be consecrated as Bishop of Georgia on Washington's Birthday.

—The icy sidewalk got a victim in the person of Miss Alice Kern, of Bath, who died from injuries Monday.

—Fires were lighted at the Catawqua Manufacturing Company's Mill B Monday, after a month's illness.

—Berks Republicans have adopted a new set of governing rules and made Matthew Rhoda president.

—John A. Bigg, chairman of Reading Council's Finance Committee was stricken with paralysis Tuesday.

—Dr. B. H. Throop and wife, who built and occupied Seranton's first house, have just enjoyed a golden wedding.

—Avoiding a passing engine, Wallace Wujal a Shamokin miner, stepped in front of a passenger train and died.

—Mrs. Lucy Shindle, of Gordonville, fell and caught by her eyelid and eyebrow on a meat hook in a smoke-house.

—Aged William R. Hancuff, of Altoona, missing for weeks, has been found dead on the ice of a pond near the city.

—Robert J. Hennessy, tenor at St. Peter's Church, Reading, becomes a member of the McNeill Opera Company.

—Relatives are contesting the will of the late Joel Texter, near Lebanon, who bequeathed \$200,000 to former employees.

—Women's World's Fair Committee for Berks county organized, on Wednesday, at the Reading Board of Trade rooms.

—A section of the Standard's pipe line was blown up with dynamite in Clinton county, and 1000 barrels of oil were lost.

—The Reading Railroad is sending 1000 carloads of coal to Philadelphia and 500 carloads to Buffalo via Williamsport every day.

—Nicholas Hoefler, and wife of Catawqua were interred in the same grave Tuesday. They died at the same time last Saturday.

—Said for \$500 for board and house hire has been brought against the estate of the late Mahlon Miller, by Israel Miller, of Reading.

—Nearly all of Berks county's famous old thousand and two thousand acre farms have recently been divided by their owners' wills.

—Eleven-year-old Michael Kushi, of Bethlehem's "Gold Gang," has been arrested for snowballing Morris Glasowski black and blue.

—A stranger rushed into Peter Martin's saloon, Reading, and threw a bottle of explosive liquid on the floor, doing great damage, then fled.

—Boyetown people are moving again for the pardon of the convicted liquor dealers, Moser and Diebert, who sold in Montgomery county.

—Young Albert Hackman, of Brunerville, has been brought back from Lebanon to Lancaster charged with two forgeries aggregating \$95.

—George W. Clark, of Limestone, got a divorce in just nine minutes after his case was called in Court, at Williamsport. Desertion was proved.

—Jacob Bau man, President of the Farmers' Bank, of Lancaster, for a quarter of a century, retired Monday his successor being his Son, J. W. Bausman.

—Slatington children borrowed Captain McDowell's horse and rig, when the Captain wasn't looking, and drove the horse over an embankment to death.

—By a majority of only three votes, the Moravian Church Council of Lititz, has rejected a proposition that women be allowed to vote in church matters.

—Rev. Enosh Smith resigned from Salem Lutheran Church, Lancaster, for a lack of funds and a lack of English in the services among other reasons.

—Rev. H. W. Tolson, of Port Carbon, will have a practical text, with illustrations. While he preached on Sunday night but lars ransacked his residence.

—At a special term of court in Harrisburg, in February, sixty-eight State tax cases, involving \$500,000, will be tried, two of them being against Philadelphia.

—In attempting to mount mine cars that his companions sped down an incline at Mahanoy City, Thomas McCarthy received fatal injuries under the wheels.

—Convicted murderer Koek promises to cheat the gallows by starting himself in the Alleghenon jail. Meantime counsel are moving to have a new trial for him.

—Christian Klitsch, aged 27, a Philadelphia barber, has been incarcerated at Pottsville for cruelly betraying Manie Stricker, an orphan not yet 15, whose love he had won.

—A Methodist minister at Jermyn, Lackawanna county, has refused to hold union revival meeting with Episcopians "because they uphold card-playing and dancing."

—Bowmanite Evangelicals Jacob Knease, Jr., Jacob and Oscar Strauss and William Zimmerman were convicted of disturbing their opponents' meeting at New Mahoning.

—A. L. Storn, of Bethlehem, denies that he planned to elope with Lizzie Litsch, whose brothers had her arrested on suspicion. He declares he knows nothing of the affair.

—Mrs. E. Wagner, of Erie, has written to the police of Dayton, O., asking for information as to her brother, A. D. Keeley, who was last heard of in that city 10 years ago. He is said to have fallen heir to a considerable fortune.

—A Pittsburg magistrate refused without a license to marry Brakeman James Cochran and Florence, daughter of Iron Manufacturer De Hopper, of Cleveland, although Cochran had rescued Miss De Hopper from a railway wreck years before he eloped with her.