

The man who minds his own business always finds it a paying venture.

Strange as it may seem it is only by constant strikes that the blacksmith prospers.

It is not half so much "what will Congress do?" as it is what won't Congress do?

The Emperor of Germany seems to have about as much as he can do in minding his Biz.

With every additional decision in favor of the Reading combine the black diamond market takes a jump.

Mayor GOURLY is making it hot for houses of ill fame in the Smoky city. Some one is bound to get burnt.

It is generally supposed that when all eyes are turned on a young man he is getting along well. This rule does not apply to bank clerks.

Nearly every newspaper in the country has had something mean to say of the late JAY GOULD. Beautiful evidence of the fact that a dead man can't shoot.

Congress is in session. From now until March 4th Republican members will work for their country instead of for the spoils which have so long been their incentive.

The French cabinet seems about as mysterious as that of the average spiritualist, which fact probably accounts for the fear and trembling with which French politicians enter it.

In the death of JAY GOULD the country has lost a man whose name has been a household word, yet in a sense which no lover of mankind will care to ape. His first thought was self. After that he had none.

Two Southern medical students fought a duel on Sansom street, in Philadelphia, on Monday. Contrary to the usual termination of such "affairs honorable" blood was drawn from the leg of one of the duelists.

Republican papers are beginning to cast about for leaders for their headless party. It is a dead case of the tail wagging the dog now unless something is done pretty soon the caudal appendage of the G. O. P. will be worn out before a head is found.

Supt. PORTER has recommended that the census department be made a permanent bureau. And we are sure it would have plenty of work keeping track of the immigrants who are flocking hither, but some other man than Mr. PORTER will run it.

The man who introduced English sparrows into this country died at Paterson, New Jersey, last week. Poor misguided mortal. Thinking that he was doing his country inestimable good he established a pest which has brought him condemnation from every quarter.

The original Uncle Tom's cabin, at Chopin Station, La., has been torn down to be placed on exhibition at the World's Fair. There are a great many log cabins which were up on poles before the election which might prove interesting reminiscences of a day that is gone to Republican visitors to the big show.

Massachusetts is being made the butt of a joke which reflects unfavorably on the proverbial intelligence of the "Yank." The late election returns show that a larger percentage of voters was disfranchised in the Bay state because of inability to make out their ballots than in any other state in the Union, but those who are laughing at this supposed evidence of New England illiteracy forget that in Massachusetts a man is required to be able to read and write before he can exercise the franchise.

The success which women are meeting with in their various vocations, in competition with men, will soon begin to have its effect in the number of marriage ceremonies performed. In telegraphy, stenography, reportorial, architectural, sales and in fact nearly every position occupied by man, other than those requiring manual strength, woman has proved herself his equal and in many instances his superior. Their sagacity, conscientious application and natural affability are having their effect everywhere and men will be forced to marry ere long or do something to check the progressive American women.

If Mayor GOURLY, of Pittsburg, thought he was doing a wise stroke when he raided the houses of ill-repute in the Smoky city he most certainly be classed among the most short sighted individuals who have ever presided over a municipal government. As it was the police of that city had every house under their surveillance and could look after them. Now it must inevitably be different. Such places will be kept up no matter what the precaution against them and it is better, by far, that it be under the eyes of the law than one of those "on the quiet" houses where so many lives are wrecked.

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The Evil Still Lives.

Now that the great newspapers and preachers of the country have wakened up to the wickedness, and wrongs of the means used, and methods resorted to by JAY GOULD, to amass wealth, it is to be hoped that the war-fare against these evils will be carried on, whether those who resort to them be living or dead. It is only since death removed all fear of the Wall streets wizzard's power, that either the press or the pulpit found courage to denounce the methods he used or the ends he aimed at. Some way or other it seems to us that these teachers of the people, and protectors of public morals, have been a long time in discovering the great wrongs they see so plainly now, since he who committed them can neither reply to their denunciations nor make reparation for injuries he inflicted. While JAY GOULD lived none of them had the courage to say aught against him, but JAY GOULD dead, silent and powerless, is the target for abuse un stinted and denunciations un ending.

It is right and proper that the lessons, a life that had the aims his had should be to the public, should be impressed in the most forcible way upon that public mind, but how much better how much more honest, and how much more courageous, would it have been in both press and preacher, had they shown the wrongs JAY GOULD was guilty of while he lived and was committing them.

As was JAY GOULD,—grasping, avaricious, unscrupulous, designing,—so are tens of thousands of others to-day, who are just as greedy of great wealth, and striving to obtain it in the same dishonest way, as did he. Every exchange mart in the great cities is full of these financial highwaymen. Wall street teems with them; the vicinity of Chestnut and Third street is peopled by them; every town of any size over the entire country has them by scores, and every community is cursed with them. They are JAY GOULDS in methods, JAY GOULDS in efforts, JAY GOULDS in purposes and JAY GOULDS in avariciousness.

It is to these living JAY GOULDS that the great moral efforts of these late day reformers should be turned. The dead can neither be reformed nor bettered. The living may be. The masoleum that holds the shriveled and inanimate form of JAY GOULD holds that and that only. The aims that actuated him; the ways he followed; the purposes he pursued; the greed that gave birth to all the ambition that burned within him, are still left to create other GOULDS and curse the life that is controlled by them.

It is against the efforts for great wealth and the purposes to secure it, by any means, within human power that do not lead direct to the penitentiary, that the teachings of the press and pulpit should be directed; against the lax ideas we have of violated morals in our haste to get rich; the sycophancy we show to the possessors of large wealth; the power that money is allowed to wield, and the spirit of speculation and stock gambling that offer opportunities of acquiring money without furnishing an equivalent, that should be the texts of the sermons, that now have as their subject the lifeless clay of the dead railway magnate and millionaire.

It is the living, growing, evils of the day that should be held up to the execration of the public. The dead can do no harm, and hence the folly of denouncing that which the grave has claimed. JAY GOULD is past wrong to say one. It is the living JAY GOULDS; the methods of those who, while less successful are as full of evil, and viciousness, and greed, as was he, that needs the attention of both press and pulpit.

Have they the courage to attack financial pirates who are not chilled by the hand of death?

Congress met on Monday last and the first thing it found necessary to do, was to present a bill authorizing a government loan of \$75,000,000 to make good the treasury deficit made by the Republican party's profligacy during the past four years. It is said to be "blessed to give," but if the giving power of the outgoing administration had been considerably curtailed, it would have been a blessed thing for the country.

Seeking Consolation.

After all it is hardly worth the powder the Republicans are expending in their effort to get up a war between President CLEVELAND and Tammany. Even should such a state of affairs as they are predicting occur, how would they, as a party be benefited? The late election proves that New York is not necessary to Democratic success in the future. The growing west is the country that has usurped the position of the Empire state in that respect. New York Democrats may quarrel and contend as much as they please hereafter. It will disturb no one's nerves, for fear of the effect on the general political results. This is a situation of affairs that the Republicans have possibly overlooked.

Another fact they seem to fail to comprehend, is that the more trouble and differences there are between New York Democrats, the greater the majority the party always has in that state.

It is a queer condition of affairs that secures better results for the party, where there is war amongst its followers, than when peace and harmony exist. But such is the fact in New York. From time immemorial the Democrats have always had greater success when their campaign began with a contest among themselves. Going back but a few years furnishes abundant proof of this.

In 1884 Tammany did all it could to prevent the nomination of Mr. CLEVELAND, and for some time after he was placed upon the ticket refused to give him the endorsement, that as the party's candidate, he was entitled to. It turned in for him later and he carried the state. In 1888 the party was unanimous for his re-nomination and united in his support and the result of the election showed his defeat. At the same time Gov. HILL was made the nominee of the party for governor, after a bitter contest and during the campaign failed to receive the earnest support of a large faction of the party workers and yet he was elected by a large majority. Two years later Gov. FLOWER succeeded in getting the nomination over the protests of many of the most influential Democrats of the state, and made his contest with hundreds of them lukewarm towards him, and yet his majority ran away up to 50,000. This year, everybody remembers how Tammany started in at Chicago against Mr. CLEVELAND and what the result of the contest there and at home was.

With these reminders within easy reach of any one who wants to know just what effect a fight, among New York Democrats, produces, we would imagine that the Republicans would build their hopes on something that panned out better for them, than a Democratic war in the Empire State. About any such trouble the Democrats of the country are not the least concerned.

If however, it is any gratification to disconsolate and discouraged Republicans to believe that there is going to be hair-pulling and tommy-hawking and all kinds of sanguinary conflicts, between the working Democrats of New York and the President, whom they aided so greatly in securing the victory that the entire country rejoices over, let them draw on their imaginations to the fullest extent, and be as happy over their belief as possible. The country will lose nothing by it. The Democracy will no care or concern for it. Mr. CLEVELAND or TAMMANY knows or cares nothing about it; and if there is any consolation, at all, to Republicans, in rebashing such stuff and hoping for such results, they are entirely welcome to all they can get out of it.

President HARRISON, in his nine column message to Congress, laments that his Force bill suggestions could not be submitted to a non-partisan commission, for approval or rejection. If Mr. President HARRISON would but think for a moment, he would remember that no later than the 8th of November last, an entirely non-partisan commission passed upon the merits of his suggestions, on this question, and the majority against them was somewhere in the neighborhood of six hundred thousand.

Fine job work of ever description at the WATCHMAN Office.

Not Profitable for Republicans.

It is possible that the Republican party may succeed in securing the United States senators from Kansas, Montana and Idaho, through the questionable methods they are adopting in those States. But should they do so, how much better would they be off? These three senators will give that party a probable majority of one in the United States Senate, and place upon its shoulders the responsibility of endorsing or defeating such legislation as the Democrats stand pledged to give the people.

Can the Republican party, without power to enact or enforce a single measure, afford to occupy a position that makes it responsible for the failure of any expected or promised legislation, and puts it in the position of scape-goat for any cowardice or treachery there may be in the Democratic party?

We know there are Democrats scattered all over the country, who would rejoice could the responsibility of governmental affairs be divided between the two parties in this way, during the next four years. To them it would seem an easier task to go before the people and place the responsibility, of any failure there may be in fulfilling public expectations, upon the opposition of a Republican Senate, than to stand boldly upon Democratic grounds and defend a Democratic policy until time and experience proves it a success or failure. This, however, is the hope only of those who have doubts of their own ability to fulfill their promises; a cowardly way of evading responsibilities he is afraid to meet.

With the masses of the Democracy it is otherwise. They want the country to have just what it was promised. They have no fear of results, or doubts as to the consequences. They have faith that a Democratic policy will restore prosperity and that Democratic economy will bring relief to the people. They are willing to meet the responsibility success brings, and for these reasons hope that Republican trickery and rascality will not succeed in preventing their having the full control of every department of the general government, and the power to enforce a Democratic policy to the fullest extent.

The Message.

We would like to give the President's message, which was read in Congress on Tuesday last, not because of any particular interest it has for the public, but as a matter of record, if its unusual length—occupying over nine columns solid nonpareil type—did not prevent. When we say that it is a petulant lamentation over the repudiation of Republican ideas, with the usual references to department reports, our readers can have an opinion of what they miss by our failure to give it space. As a public document it will reflect no credit on Mr. HARRISON as a man or a President. It is an unmanly, whining, half threatening acceptance of the people's will, and all over and all through its dreary dryness the petulant disappointment of the defeated candidate is observable. It shows that he is not a big enough man to accept defeat in a manly way, and that is about all there is in it when boiled down.

Sensible Mr. HARRY.

It is reported, on what seems to be good authority, that Mr. HARRY has announced his determination not to accept any position under the new administration, that might be tendered, or his friends demand for, him. In his case this is a sensible conclusion. His magnificent management of the late campaign has given him a reputation and standing, with the Democracy of the country, that no position Mr. CLEVELAND has at his disposal, could add a particle to in the way of honor or respect. The positions he holds at home, and which would have to be given up were he to enter the government service, are worth double the amount in salaries that any cabinet position pays. So that under the circumstances, Mr. HARRY's determination, to stick to what he has, is neither to be wondered at nor questioned. The fact however that he is big enough to refuse a position, that nine tenths of the biggest men of the country are aching to have placed at their disposal, shows the size of the man and gives additional reason for Pennsylvania Democrats being proud of him.

Won't Steal It This Time.

From the Philadelphia Times. It's hardly worth the trouble and crookedness exhibited by defeated partisans in a number of the new Western States to steal United States Senators by manipulating the returns of legislators. It won't win, and political thieves would do well to make a virtue of necessity and stop the game.

The new Senate will be Democratic, theft or no theft in the new Western States. There will be not less than 42 straight Democrats in the body if they shall lose all that is visibly in danger, and every Senator of the People's faith, with the possible exception of Stewart of Nevada, will vote with the Democrats on every vital issue. It's quite probable that the Democrats will have 44 straight outs in the Senate, which with the Vice President, would give them a majority against the field; but they will have a reserve of not less than 3 votes among the Populist Senators, and an additional reserve of several among those classed as Republicans. The Republican leaders don't specially want the Senate, and there are a few Senators classed as Republicans who won't stand any semblance of crookedness in the admission of new Senators. Theft of Senatorships won't pay this season. The men who are trying to steal seats in the Senate are so hedged about by unsympathetic Republicans and Populists that they can't win. The Senate will, therefore, be Democratic on all party issues, and on the chief issues of tariff reform and Force Bill legislation it will be largely Democratic. Don't try to steal the Senate—it can't be done this time.

Pronting the Pension Roll.

From the Chenango Union. Worthy veterans need have no fear that such scrutiny will work against them, for no one would take from or abridge the bounty due to their patriotism and valor. On the contrary the movement will be to their advantage, and, as Mr. Cleveland has truly said, tend to "make the pension list a roll of honor." It is doubtless true that a careful examination will show that the names of many thousands are on the list who are not entitled to any pension whatever, but have been kept there for unworthy purposes or through neglect. Such revision would doubtless decrease the pension appropriation.

The Pension Fraud.

From the Toledo Bee. Now the pension business has to a large extent fallen into the hands of the lobbyist and the speculator. The raid upon the Treasury by these harpies has been a shameful one under the hypocritical pretext of patriotism. The pension list demands vigorous pruning. Men sound in body and limbs, deserters, sneaks and others who are bleeding the Treasury like leeches and receiving pensions to which they are not entitled should be cut off and none but the deserving veteran retained.

A Machine that Worked Well.

From the New York Sun. The most striking incident that has been afforded in this State of the power of the machine in politics is the fact that under the leadership of Mr. Edward Murphy, Jr., the Democratic organization carried New York for the Hon. Grover Cleveland by nearly fifty thousand majority, notwithstanding the circumstance that the Hon. Grover Cleveland was not the first choice of the New York Democracy for President.

Entirely Credible.

From the Louisville Courier-Journal. Why should any one doubt the stories of the apparently fabulous number of ducks and snipes shot by Mr. Cleveland? Hasn't he broken all sorts of records, and is anything which he is reported to have done with the bullet more improbable than was what he is known to have done with the ballot?

The Rothschilds Trust.

From the New York Herald. The usual purpose of trust is to raise prices by restricting production, but the basic idea of Rothschilds' proposed international silver trust was to keep up values by creating an artificial demand. Like the bootstrap elevator it looks easy, but it won't work.

What Cleveland Should Do.

From the New York Recorder. Mr. Cleveland is coming back to us from Hug Island. The political hogs, it is to be hoped, will give him a rest. He should engage the services of a couple of good bull dogs.

Latest Bulletin.

From the Washington Post. Now that George Ticknor Curtis's flop has been thoroughly poulticed it is thought he will be able to pull through the four years more of Grover.

An Opportunity Going to Seed.

From the Lebanon Report. How Mr. Carnegie might relieve the reports of distress from Homestead by establishing another library in Scotland!

Calamity Howling as a Mask.

From the Allentown City Item. It is not the fate of the country but the loss of the offices that is worrying the Republicans.

Spawls from the Keystone.

Pottstown's electric railway finds itself checked by a tallgate.
The new \$50,000 hospital building at Chester has been finished.
Burglars looted the jewelry store of Isaac Arking at Shrewsbury.
There are 8500 enlisted men in the Pennsylvania National Guard.
General William Lilly, Congressman-at-large elect, is rapidly recovering.
Peter Miller, aged 12, was kicked to death by a mule at Bethlehem Tuesday.
The remains of ex-Judge Reilly were taken to Pottsville Friday and interred.
Temperance Orator Francis Murphy will try to reclaim Pittsburg's fallen woman.
Injuries received by being struck by a train in Chester killed James Hamilton.
A derrick in a colliery at Mahanoy City fell upon Harry Lattimore, crushing him.
Half the cases that will be tried in the Lehigh Court in January will be for divorce.
Albert Utranza, a Reading Railroad employe, was killed on the tracks at Crescena.
While jumping upon a Lehigh Valley freight train, at Allentown, John Conlon lost a leg.
With eight pairs of trousers in his possession Michael Halleran was arrested in Phoenixville.
Dr. J. B. Bissels, of Mahanoy City, was seriously injured in a runaway accident Tuesday.
The Bessemer rail mill of the Bethlehem Iron Company has shut down for lack of orders.
At Pottsville, George Heister a non-union pudger, was badly beaten by supposed union men.
By a powder explosion in the Morse colliery Jefferson Keating was dangerously burned.
For robbing the Frankford church, Meado Fulton, of Carlisle, was sent to prison for three years.
Five men were scalded with boiling beer at C. Bauerlein's brewery, Millvale. All will recover.
Special district conference of the American Baptist Missionary Union is in session at Pittsburg.
The store of J. J. Nutt, at Lykens, Schuylkill county, was robbed of \$400 worth of goods on Monday night.
James W. Lynn, an Easton lawyer, has become insane, and was Wednesday taken to the Norristown Asylum.
Pennsylvania manufactured 1,232,890,889 cigars last fiscal year, nearly 100,000,000 in excess of New York.
While shoveling coal in a docket at Hazleton mines, Robert Houser was drawn into the chute and smothered.
The Oliver Iron and steel works, at Pittsburg, employing 1000 hands, closed Saturday owing to over-production.
The body of an aged and well-dressed man was found in an old barn near Lewisburg, belonging to John A. Gundy.
A committee of citizens in Reading recommended the new system of house sewage, which will cost \$975,000.
A committee of citizens of Reading have recommended a system of house sewage that will cost the city \$365,000.
Marriage must be a failure in Lehigh county. About half the cases on the trial list for January term are for divorce.
Workmen who refuse to sign the scale of the Pottstown Iron company's works are not allowed to enter the mills.
In attempting to board a moving train at Penn Haven, Patrick Garney fell under the wheels and was decapitated.
William Wallace, a brakeman, slipped on the ice at Onondia, and a train passed over his body. He died Tuesday.
With a rope twisted about his body Anthony Karnicki was hurled down a Mt. Carmel coal chute and killed.
At the age of 99 years, Mrs. Sarah Kiple, of Seranton, and aunt of Artist E. A. Abbey, enjoys a good pipe and tobacco.
An unknown man, about 65 years old, was killed on that Jersey Central Railroad near Easton Wednesday morning.
The funeral of George W. Hensel, father of Attorney General Hensel, was held at Quarryville, Lancaster County, Saturday.
A bridge over the Schuylkill at Birdsboro will be built by the Wilmington and Northern Railroad, one of the Reading's allies.
Petro Bucciari, the Reading Italian who stabbed Sister Hildaberna to death, at Reading has been refused a new trial.
After three weeks of dreadful suffering, Annie Billard, of Bethlehem, whose clothes were burned off her, died on Monday.
Lancaster County Court refused a new trial to Samuel and Joseph Lewis, convicted of torturing Larry Reynolds to extract money.
While trying to quell a light in the Ness chain works at York, Eben H. Saylor had his head fractured by one of the bellgiggers.
Benjamin Kaebler, charged with robbing Hoffman & Duval's office in Danville of \$420 last January, was caught Friday in Pottsville.
Secretary Cyrus T. Fox, of the State Horticultural Association, is collecting fruit and vegetable data from all parts of Pennsylvania.
Leyman Uman, the leading merchant of Titusville, committed suicide Tuesday morning by shooting himself through the right temple.
Major John D. Workman, of the Adjutant General's Department, is an applicant for the position of Naval Officer at the port of Philadelphia.
The 13-year-old son of Rev. L. W. Cranmer of Reading, started West to kill Indians. He got as far as Shamokin and hunger drove him back home.
A baby boy born to Mrs. William Reitz, Washington township, Northumberland county, has been christened Clement Grover Cleveland Reitz.
Orders were issued from the Adjutant General's office Tuesday granting an honorable discharge to Captain George D. Wiegner of Company B, Third Regiment.
Resolutions were adopted by the Trade and Labor Council of Reading demanding that the Electric Railway Company pave with asphalt blocks all the streets it occupies.
The first divorce case tried in open Court in Lehigh County in 10 years came to an end Wednesday, when a jury decided that Emma T. Bowman should be separated from her husband, Jacob H. Bowman.