

Democratic Watchman.

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Ink Slings.

"Man wants little here below"—He has it, when the plumber, coal and gas men go.

A spirited paradox is the whiskey trust, for though rum goes up, run down it must.

—Oh, its nice to see the G. O. P., in the bleeding Sunflower State; being knocked out by Populists, in a manner up to date.

An opportunity for some Legislator to immortalize himself lies in the introduction of a bill to tax bachelors for the support of old maids.

—When furnishing the amount necessary to meet the pension demands RAUM always fails to say anything about his own propensities.

If you feel funny laugh. It you don't feel that way just look at the fellow who has slipped up on the ice and thinks no one has seen him.

—United States would be the gainer in the annexation of Canada in more ways than one. Canadian money has more silver in a dollar than ours has.

Fashionable women are beginning to wear night caps again. They have been out of style a long time with the fair sex, but men have indulged in theirs right along.

The messages of the governors of all the States advise legislation for road improvement. Ostensibly for the good of the farming classes, but eventually for their own glory.

—It required one Populist vote to elect STEPHEN D. WHITE to the United States Senate from California and a legislator from Mr. WHITE's own home, Los Angeles, pressed the button.

—It will keep the old ground hog scratching to get out of his hole by next Thursday. He is frozen in deeper than he has been for fifty years and if he wants to keep his hand in on the weather he'll have to "get a wiggle on."

In giving a sketch of the late JAY GOULD an exchange remarks that "he began life a bare-foot boy." It is altogether probable that he did and we are of the opinion that the rest of us were attired in the same way when we began.

Mrs. M. M. ANDERSON has been elected sergeant-at-arms of the Arkansas house of representatives. And it will now be in order for the wives of the legislators to go down to Little Rock to keep their spouses out of the hands of the fair official.

HARRIET BEECHER STOWE is eighty-one years old, and is still quite vigorous in mind and body. We fancy if she had seen some of the companies, that have produced the dramatization of her great work the poor old lady would have been dead long ere this.

In view of the fact that all the great men who have died recently have dropped off just after eating dinner we have concluded to dispense with that part of our day's routine. It is purely a matter of precaution not so much for your sake, kind reader, as for the plumber.

—When the old woman's party meets in convention in Washington it had better look out for itself or that straggling Republican horde will "hook" onto it. It is not likely that the G. O. P. would make any immediate gain by such a fusion, but if the thing was kept up long enough there can be little doubt that there would be a material increase of one sort or other.

The old women who think the country's only salvation is in allowing them to vote are going to hold their convention in Washington soon. It would do them no good if they were given a vote in Pennsylvania because so many of them would vote for themselves that under the BAKER system they would never poll enough to get a candidate on the ticket.

—According to the census of 1890 there are living just 1,212,705 soldiers, sailors and widows of soldiers and sailors, who were enlisted in the civil war. There are 870,888 pensioners of the civil war. There are 426,083 applications waiting disposal. Just 84,266 more people who want pensions than there are soldiers, sailors, or their widows living. What kind of government fosters such open robbery any-how?

—While congratulating California on the selection of STEPHEN D. WHITE to the United States Senate the Evening Herald, of Philadelphia, charges the Golden State with being the chief offender in diluting the intellectual capacity of the Senate. The Herald is all right in encouraging the election of able men like WHITE, but if States will err is it not better for them to send millionaires without brains, than moderately poor men of known mental short coming, as Pennsylvania is doing. They are less dangerous.

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The Right Man in the Right Place.

If there is anything prospectively connected with the incoming national administration that especially gives promise of benefit to the country and success to that administration, it is Mr. CLEVELAND's selection of a Secretary of the Treasury. John G. CARLISLE at the head of the Treasury Department will in every sense of the phrase, be "the right man in the right place." There could not be better indication of Mr. CLEVELAND's determination to secure the most essential element of success in his management of the government than his selection of so competent an officer to direct the financial department and to assist in correcting the disordered condition of the finances and reforming an injurious and oppressive tariff system.

Mr. CLEVELAND's presidential term will be judged as having been a success or otherwise by the extent to which he will be able to carry out his programme of tariff reform. He is fully conscious of this fact. He knows that the duty especially imposed upon his administration is the rectification of revenue abuses and the reduction of tariff taxation, and he is wisely preparing himself with the instrumentalities necessary for the successful performance of this duty, first among which is a competent Secretary of the Treasury. And what an ideal head of the Treasury Department JOHN G. CARLISLE will be.

In the entire range of contemporary American statesmanship it may be safely said that his equal cannot be found in the qualities necessary for that position. Mr. CLEVELAND has made the strongest possible bid for the success of revenue and tariff reform by the character of his selection of a Secretary of the Treasury.

In the role which Secretary CARLISLE will perform history will repeat itself on lines similar to those upon which Secretary ROBERT J. WALKER acted in the administration of President POLK. At that time there was occasion for bringing the then existing tariff up to a revenue basis, and it was to the financial genius of the man who in his boyhood was a scholar in our old Bellefonte Academy that the country was indebted for that Democratic revenue tariff which would have remained to-day as the chief feature of the fiscal policy of the government if the intervening episode of the rebellion had not required a higher tariff as a war measure, the necessity for which has long since passed away.

Senator CARLISLE has been called upon to act the same part to the CLEVELAND administration that ROBERT J. WALKER acted in the administration of JAMES K. POLK. A similar task is presented in the readjustment of our tariff laws, and judging from his splendid abilities it may be confidently expected that he will perform it equally as well as did the illustrious author of the Democratic revenue tariff of 1846.

—Massachusetts Legislators will soon vote on a proposition to amend the Constitution of the Bay State so as to make her elections of a State ticket biennial instead of annual as they have always been. The general unsettled condition of things political and the annoyance incident to yearly elections should appeal to the better judgment of the Legislators in this matter. Only machine politicians and spoils-men see anything but unsatisfactory results in putting State issues before the people every year.

—The action of the District Convention of the U. M. W. of A., in session at Lilly last week, in endorsing a petition praying that Governor PATTERSON appoint Honorable DAVID L. KRENS, of Clearfield county, one of the judges to appoint a member of the examining board of mine inspectors, is a high testimonial of the esteem in which Judge KRENS is held by the workers of the Clearfield region. In him they recognize a friend of labor and at the same time a man who truly fulfills the mandate: "the judiciary should be beyond reproach."

The price of steel rails for 1893 has been fixed at twenty-nine dollars per ton by the leading American mills. The English product cannot be sold at home under twenty dollars a ton. The McKinley bill makes us pay a tariff of thirteen dollars and forty-four cents per ton to protect home industry. Now our curiosity is aroused to know why we should pay tribute to American monopolists even when there is no chance of foreign product coming in competition.

Annie Wilson, the nineteen year old wife of an English rascal, landed in New York Sunday, from Antwerp, Germany, where she had been deserted. Annie was the first female stowaway to cross the Atlantic and thinks her stolen ride a most enjoyable one. She is an American girl.

Phillips Brooks.

We involuntarily measure the greatness of a man by the good he has done for humanity, but when it comes to summing up a character as broad as the late PHILLIPS BROOKS, no man is able to measure the greatness thereof, for he was one that helped others by all that he did, and said, and was.

Bishop Brooks unconsciously outlined his own career in a passage he wrote

a year ago on Masson's "Life of Mil-

ton":—"Great is he who in some spe-

cial location, as a soldier, a governor,

a scientist, does good and helpful

work for fellowmen. Greater still is

he who, doing good work in his special

occupation, carries within his devotion to

it a human nature so rich and true

that it breaks through his profession

and claims the love and honor of his

fellowmen, simply and purely as a

man. His is the life which some true

human eye discerns, and some loving

and grateful hand makes the subject

of a picture to which all men enthu-

siasmatically turn," for he was not only

a distinguished preacher, but a

"twelve sided man." He arrested at-

tention from the beginning of his min-

istry, in a little hamlet in Virginia,

composed of poor whites and negroes,

while yet a student at the Theological

Seminary, and held it by his remark-

able gifts which were controlled until

the end of his life by great simplicity

and a warm and earnest devotional

life.

PHILLIPS BROOKS, the greatest preach-

er of the Episcopal church and one of

the foremost preachers of the world was

one of the few men who never surrendered to

the party that was meant for mankind.

His large heartedness recognized the

good work done by all the churches and if ever one person took up the

fences of religious separation and laid

them low it was the liberal churchman

who made more of Christianity and of

what all Christians hold in common

share than he did of sect.

Just in the prime of his noble

life and at a time of great confusion

in thought and great doubt over

fundamental spiritual conceptions

Bishop BROOKS can ill be spared.

For the men who can compel the

suspension of business in Wall

street on week days in order that the

brokers and bankers might hear their

noon-day sermons as PHILLIPS BROOKS

did three years ago in New York city

and as he did every Lenten season in

Boston and at the same time be humble

and devout servants of their Master

are not many in this generation.

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They Will be Disappointed.

Those who are anxious to see misun-
derstandings and contentions arise
among the United States held by foreigners
are likely to be disappointed with the outcome
of the recent United States Senatorial election
in New York, which they hoped would be a rock upon which the
Democrats of that State would split.

They thought they saw in it an unavoidable
rupture between the President-elect and
the controlling Democratic leaders of the State.

It is true that Mr. CLEVELAND had
his views on the Senatorial question, but they were views that were expressed
without any disposition on his part to personally interfere in the matter. On the other hand the preponderance of
Democratic sentiment in the State, as expressed by the action of the majority of the Legislature, differed on this question with the President-elect, as it had a right to differ, resulting in the election of a senator who in every particular fills the Democratic bill, and who in all respects may be depended upon to sustain the Democratic causes.

It is difficult to see how even the most ingenuous ill-wishers of Democracy can extract from this situation the hope that a difficulty will spring up between President CLEVELAND and the New York State leaders similar to the GARFIELD-COKING contention.

The President will be so strongly backed by the sentiments of the party at large, which will take the liveliest interest in the success of his reform policies, that the New York leaders, who are shrewd politicians, are not likely to put themselves in a position of antagonism. They have gained

advantage for future effect as they evidently aimed at, and prudence will lead them to refrain from carrying their opposition into the field of national politics, which is the President's legitimate domain.

In the difficulty which GARFIELD had with Garfield, the Senator's excessive personal vanity was

the chief motive of his conduct, but the New York Democratic politicians, who differed with Mr. CLEVELAND in the Senatorial question, are of too political a disposition to be influenced by their future action by the weakness of that made GARFIELD the enemy of GARFIELD.

Young Leaders Wanted.

From the New York Recorder.

If the old, discredited crowd of spayed war horses are not retarded the result will be a counter organization that will bury them too deep for resurrection.

We want young leaders for the campaigns of the future, not ancient fossils whose smirched records are so many milestones hung around the party's neck to drag it down into the waters of defeat once more.

Major Halford's Accomplishments.

From the Kansas City Star.

President Harrison has conferred upon his private secretary, Elijah W.

Halford, the desirable appointment of pay-

master in the regular army, with the rank of major.

It is virtually a life position, with emoluments quite commensurate with its responsibilities. It advances to

an honorable station a native of Indiana and one of the most astute whistlers in America.

An Insult to Uncle Sam.

From the Minneapolis Tribune.

Get your gun! The President of Venezuela gave a State ball on New Year's eve and omitted to invite the American Consul. Our Consul had purchased a dress suit for the occasion and has, therefore, suffered great humili-

ation and expense.

A Complimentary (?) Vote for Mutchler.

From the Easton Sentinel.

Senator Rapsier, of Carbon county, voted for Mr. William Mutchler for United States senator last Tuesday at Harrisburg. From his reported condition at the time it would not have been surprising if he had voted for John Barlow.

The Election of Senators.

From the Boston Globe—Dem.

The New York World thinks the United States Senate is distinctly deteriorating. Well, as soon as the people are given the privilege of directly electing their own Senate it will come up to its old time grade again.