Aemocratic Watchman

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Ink Slings.

-Talk about it as you please, civil service might be all right in theory, but it is certainly pretty near all wrong in practice. -What HANNA needs more than any

thing else is a fishing retreat on the Indian river. He might learn something from the tarpon down there.

--Congressman ARNOLD, of this district, has announced his withdrawal from the race for the gubernatorial nomination so there will likely be some chance for the other aspirants. He has magnanimously decided to take the nomination for Congressman-at-large instead of having himself elected Governor. He is probably acting upon the advice of A. A. Dale Esq.

-DAVE BATES, the Chicago dime every time you look at him because he has been brave enough to marry six wives, all of whom are alive, has just been fined \$1,000 and given an indeterminate sentence in the penitentiary. Cruel treatment for a relieve the congested condition of the gained a decided advantage. matrimonial market.

-It is needless to state that it wasn't one of HANNA's friends who remarked that the present Senator from Ohio "stands about as much chance of re-election as he would of escaping from hell on a wooden leg." The comparison isn't as beautiful as it is comparative, but we'll bet a grand piano to a tin soldier that MARK would be perfectly willing to run his chances on a wooden leg if he could only get back to the Senate first.

-War clouds scurry up and then scurry away like grim spectres, but the events of the past decade have proven them quite ephemeral. Two weeks ago it was thought that the dogs of war would be let loose to fight over the Chinese bone. They all ran together with unwarranted haste, but the moment they saw their shadows in the water every one got afraid and now they say there has been a peaceful settlement of the difficulty.

-The assignment of the OVERMAN wheel company, of Chicopee Falls, Mass.. on the 27th ult., is another indication of the growing tendency of the United States to over-do the manufacturing business. The OVERMAN company are makers of the Victor bicycle, a splendid machine, but the bicycle business, like every other business, is over done and as long as high tariffs are prejudicial to the acquiring of foreign markets there will necessarily be a congestion of our manufacturing interests.

-The protest that has been entered by the Woman's Christian Temperance Union against the sale of a saloon privilege for the new congressional library building in Washington should never have been nec-



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Ohio's Revolt Against Hanna.

The opposition to MARK HANNA's elecchief of the Grand Army of the Republic, tion to the United States Senate has developed proportions that were scarcely expected. It was well known that many of the pension system by which so large a part of Ohio Republican politicians were hostile the government revenues is squandered. to him, and their hostility would give him some trouble in securing an election, but been for some years evident that there is

undeserving pensioners.

museum attraction, who charges ten cents it was not believed that it would present so formidable a front as it has done, and give so doubtful an appearance to his chance of success. The election will take place on the 12th of this month, but in the preliminary movements connected with the orgaman who evidently was doing his best to nization of the Legislature his enemies have

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There is good reason for even the Republicans to revolt against the domination of this man HANNA. Familiar as they are with the corrupt practices of their party, the blunt brutality with which HANNA has laid out to effect all his political ends with money has been too much for even the Republican sense of decency in politics The members of the old party can condone, most of the corruption practiced to secure the party's success, but the spectacle of HANNA deliberately starting out to buy the Presidency, and cool-

ly shaking in the face of the American people the boodle fund amounting to millions of dollars with which he proposed to make the purchase, must have shocked many of the Republicans who, though interested in carrying the election, could undeserving claimants. not survive if HANNA's method of electing Presidents should be adopted.

It is questionable whether the Ohio leaders who are now fighting HANNA are oppos-

ing him on account of his unexampled crime of making the Presidency an object of purchase, for they are not of the kind that are squeamish about the means they from that organization as would have employ in politics, but there can not be a helped to arrest an evil which is not only doubt that the honest Republican sentidoing a great injury to public interests, ment in Ohio revolts at HANNA's political methods, which employs money as a legitimate factor in politics, and would deof fraud and dishonor. liver the government to those who may bid the highest for it at a cash sale.

The Report of the Goldbug Commission

The monetary commission that has volunteered its service to give the country ject would seem to imply an ignorance of honest money and a sound currency, has the fact that persons not disabled are reported its plan of reform and would like receiving pensions, and that if this wrong ongress to give it immediate attention

General Gobin on the Pension Abuses. inclined, and is more honorable in dispos-General J. P. S. GOBIN, commander-ining of such funds. The chiefs directed that this surplus of \$20,000 should be distributed among the poor of the city through the appears to have been awakened to the fact clergy, and \$50 was the share of it sent rethat there is something crooked in the spectively to Revs. PUTNAM and RANSCH-ENBUSCH for such distribution. It should be thought that as charitable pastors hav-To the ordinary popular intelligence it has ing a sympathetic feeling for the suffer-

not only looseness but actual corruption in ing of the poor they would have gladly the management of the pensions, but it is availed themselves of such means of affording relief. But instead of allowing themjust beginning to dawn upon general selves so be directed by the dictates of GOBIN'S understanding that the bounty of the government is being bestowed upon true benevolence, they assumed the attitude of the Pharisee, sending this money back with the offensive declaration that Those to whom the loose methods of the

pension system are objectionable have enterthey would have nothing to do with such "ill-gotten gains." Considering that they tained a suspicion that the Grand Army of might have used this money in relieving the Republic was responsible for them in a large measure, as its great influence was believed to have been exerted in securing women and children destitute of clothing, bread and shelter, the tiger was infinitely the indiscriminate and extravagant pension more charitable than these narrow-minded shepherds. That TAMMANY's campaign legislation which has caused a heavier draft fund could be classed as "ill-gotten gains" upon the resources of the government than any other item of public expense, and has was an unwarranted assumption of preachers who were influenced by partisan prejubecome the most demoralizing and dangerdice and bigotry. ous abuse connected with our public affairs. General GOBIN, however, denies But let us suppose that an amount of

money had been sent to those clergy man that this evil has been encouraged and susfrom a more congenial source, such as tained by the organization of which he is commander-in-chief, but, on the contrary, JOHN D. ROCKEFELLER, or some other one he says that it has always opposed the of the monopolistic sharks who are robbing the American people by trust methods, is vicious project of a service pension, and it likely that their consciences would have that it has never favored the practice of extending the bounty of the government to

contribution to the churches are accepted Granting that the general is correct in as hallowed tributes to the Lord, although his denial that this abuse received enthe Standard oil methods by which he has couragement from the Grand Army of the Republic, it is nevertheless unfortunate secured the means of giving have included almost every crime that insatiable avarice that the irregularities in the pension system have not met with such opposition could commit.

> A Renegade That Wants to Come Back. The New York Work is evidently affect-

but is casting a stigma upon a system ed by a desire to recover the place it lost which should be free from the imputation as a Democratic organ by its opposition to

presidential election. It has become con-There may be truth in general GOBIN's vinced that Mr. BRYAN is the representaassertion that "the Grand Army believes that no one should receive a pension who tive leader of the Democracy, but having opposed him on the money question it is not suffering from actual disability," would like him to ahandon free silver in yet the tone of his expression on this suborder that the World may save its consistency in giving him its support. It declares that it sees in Mr. BRYAN "the logical

undeserving claimants were removed from

the list of pensioners there would be a

finances and deprived the pension roll of

Less Sense Than Charity.

The clergy, as a class, are as much dis-

tinguished for good sense as for 'correct re-

ligious principles, but there are instances

in which clergymen display a lack of com-

mon sense, however well they may intend

Among the preachers who may be classed

with those that are not overstocked with

common sense are reverends JAMES W

PUTNAM and WALTER RANSCHENBUSCH.

respectively belonging to the Baptist and

Presbyterian denominations in New York

city, who from a mistaken idea of what was

The circumstances under which these

ing relief to suffering humanity.

its character as a roll of honor.

It Looks Blue for Hanna in Senatorial Struggle.

NO. 1.

The Anti-Hannaites Elect Their Man Speaker of the House.-Interest in the Contest.-The Voting in the Legislature Bore Out the Predictions to a Nicety-The Extraordinary Combination on Burke in the Senate.

COLUMBUS O., Jan. 4.-The Ohio Legislature convened to-day. Owing to the senatorial contest, unusual interest was taken in the organization of both houses. The caucuses last Saturday night were not on the usual lines between the Republicans and the Democrats, owing to some of the Republicans members having formed a fusion with the Democratic members for the defeat of Senator Hanna. The Senate stands - Democrats and 18 Republicans. the latter included Senator Voight, who was elected on a fusion ticket from Cincinnati and who did not attend either caucus Saturday night. Senator Burke, Republican, of Cleveland, was not only absent, but he was at the same time nominated the Democratic caucus for president protem of the Senate. The Republican caucus nominated Senator J. Park Alexander for president protem. The absence of Senator Burke to-day, therefore meant not only his election, but the election of Democrats for the offices in the Senate. Senator Burke is opposed to the election of Senator M. A. Hanna. With party lines drawn in the Senate, Lieutenant Governor A. W. Jones, Republican, would have had the tie vote to cast, and he has been considered

as opposed to Hanna. STATUS OF THE HOUSE.

The House stands 62 Republicans and 47 Democrats, the former including four declined to accept it for the reason that it lican house caucus Saturday night there was "ill-gotten gains?" ROCKEFELLER'S were only 52 present and pledged to Alexander Boxwell for speaker. Of the ten absentees Griffith of Clinton, was the only one offering an excuse. He was sick. The other nine Republicans members were absent because they are opposed to Hanna and re-garded Boxwell as the Hanna candidate. These nine Republican members met with the Democratic members and indorsed Harry C. Mason of Cleveland, an anti-Hanna Republican for speaker. With these Re-publican members and the 47 Demoratic members Mason would have 56 votes, or more than necessary to elect, but some of

the Democratic members refused to be Democratic principles and issues in the last pledged to Republican candidates for Senator, speaker or other offices in the organization of the Legislature.

Owing to the patronage in these offices as well as the preferences in chairmanships and the composition of all the committees, it was generally believed that the fate of Senator Hanna, as well as of all his supporters depended on the organization of the

Legislature. His opponents claimed that he would be defeated even if the Boxwell ticket was elected, and his friends admitted

Spawls from the Keystone.

-Florence McAdam, aged 10, died at Lebanon of lockiaw.

-The new hospital at DuBois, with 15 beds, was formally opened on Tuesday.

-William Gross, the Allentown jewelry swindler, is in Toronto, Ont., resisting extradition.

-The Lebanon firemen Monday night took 44 ballots for a chief, without arriving at a choice.

-Judge William Galbraith, a brother-inlaw of William S. Lane, of Philadelphia, died at Erie.

-Falling on the ice at Bloomsburg, Rush Shaffer sustained injuries to his head that crazed him

-Floyd Shay, aged 20 years, of Milton. was drowned in the Susquehanna river, at that place Tuesday.

-An organizer for the united mine workers of America is organizing the miners in Jefferson county.

-The farm house of John H. Hain, Wernersville, has been robbed three times within the last six weeks.

-Governor Hastings has appointed Joseph G. Isenberg, of Huntingdon, associate judge. vice R. A. Laird, diseased.

-The employes of Theilbacher's silk mill at Allentown, struck Monday for a raise from \$2.50 to \$3.50 per cent.

-Robert Duffield, a brakeman on the Beech Creek railroad, had his head cut off. by cars near Clearfield Junction.

-Casper Scharff, a war veteran, living alone at Reading, was found ill on his cot. or the verge of death from freezing.

-John Johenning was arrested at Allentown for spitting on the floor of a street car and spent 24 hours in the lockup

-Rev. William B. Anderson and his wife, missionaries, who left Lancaster in November for India, have arrived at Bombay.

-Boiling lard ignited from the stove and set fire to the clothes of Mrs. Levi Snyder, of Mount Joy and she was fatally burned.

-The new hall of Camp No. 274, Patriotic Order Sons of America, at Landingville, Schuylkill county, was dedicated Sunday.

-Two factions are trying to get possession of the Polish Catholic church at Mill Creek, near Wilkesbarre, and bloodshed is feared.

-In renewing the 180 liquor licenses in Carbon county Monday, Judge Craig warned hotel keepers to discontinue serving free lunch

-Citizens of Newville have secured an inunction to restrain the town council from contracting for a municipal electric lighting plant.

-James Sweeney, aged 19, had the top of his head blown off by the accidental discharge of an old musket, at Tamaqua, Monday.

-Thrown backward by a cat she was carrying, Mary A. Kelly, living near Sharon, fell into an open fire grate and was burned to death.

-Robert Johnson, aged 28, had both eyes blown out by an explosion of dynamite while prospecting for coal on his farm in Allegheny county.

-James Totten, a member of the Salvation Army at Phoenixville, was found dead in a e at that place having died trouble.

essary. It will be beyond the comprehension of most people that such a thing as selling liquor in the world's most magnificent public library building should have been thought of by anyone. Rum and letters never did mix well and we are surprised at this attempted mixture under sanction of the government.

-New England cotton mill operatives are finding that their prosperous New Year under the DINGLEY tariff is not starting off so auspiciously. In the Massachusetts, New Hampshire and Maine mills orders for reductions of from ten to fifteen per cent. | lieve that the payment of the government in the wages have been posted to take effect | obligations in any other way than in gold on the 10th. With a similar discouraging condition of affairs in their great shoe industries the shrewd Yankees will begin to think they weren't so foxy, after all, in pinning their faith so emphatically to the gold cause.

counterfeit one hundred dollar note that is deceiving even the government experts, we have read your call to have all silver certificates of that denomination sent in and will consign a car load to you next no use for notes so large, anyway, as no body in Bellefonte can ever change one and they invariably start an epidemic of pink eve.

-The man who protests against a full and accurate publication of the roll of United States pensioners lends his support to a system of fraud so gigantic that no one has a conception of what it is. Were every pensioner in every community made known the fellows who have gotten onto the lists through the dishonesty of pension sharks would soon be exposed and dropped. It would not only be a saving of millions of dollars, annually, but it would purge the rolls and make them once more the roster of honor they once were.

-With a great appropriation of easily gotten newspaper space JIM CORBETT is blowing off again by indulging in his customary talk about his own greatness and patting himself on the back as being the elevator man of the prize ring. He says : "What the public expects from me is to maintain the manly dignity of the ring, and not be a brawler, nor a shifty evader of the honest principles which LEY MATTHEW's resolution. govern honest men when adjusting their respective merits." Yes, he certainly was Philadelphia, and when he ignored the another while in training at Carson City. merited

Fortunately Congress is so constituted that there is but little prospect of this monetary scheme being jammed through. The commission recommends a distinct

affirmation in favor of the gold standard and an enactment to the effect that the obligations of the government must be paid in gold. This, it claims, would be simply

re-enacting "the provisions of existing law as interpreted by succeeding administrations of all parties since the resumption of specie payments in 1879." In view of the fact that the people have been led to bewould be a violation of the national honor and a breach of the public faith, there is something singular in the commission's proposition that there should be an enactment that such obligations must be paid in gold. It would appear from this that there

-Mr. Secretary of the Treasury, though is no law requiring gold payments, otherwe are not at all alarmed about the new wise there would be no occasion for the legislation which the commission asks for. The fact is that the existing law, which authorizes the use of either gold or silver, has been "interpreted by succeeding administrations of all parties" in the interest of week, f. o. b. You needn't mind making the Wall street money changers, requiring saving of at least half of the extravagant any return, whatever, for them. We have the use of gold, exclusively, when silver outlay that has embarrassed the public could be used with equal legality. It was upon this misinterpretation of existing law

by treasury officials favoring the gold interest that those who maintained that silver could be used equally with gold in the payment of the government's obligations were denounced as enemies of the nation's honor and conspirators against the public

credit. The scheme of this currency reform comin a spiritual way. This deficiency is more mission is likely to come in collision with frequently shown when they switch off on an element in Congress that will prefer to the political track, as was the case with stand by the existing law in regard to gov-BURCHARD, or when they get to annoying ernment payments, not as it has been inthe President with remarks which in his terpreted by Wall street's agents in the opinion are not suitable to the pulpit. treasury department, but as it has been declared to mean by the STANLEY MAT-THEW'S resolution which was explicit in its declaration, as the sense of the representatives of the people, that the law which directed that the government's obligations should be paid in "the lawful coin of the country" meant that silver, equally with their duty foolishly refrained from affordgold. could be used for that purpose. There are indications that the reply which Congress will give to the commission's goldbug senseless pastors committed so culpable an cheme will be a reaffirmation of the STANerror were as follows: After TAMMANY

closed the municipal campaign that -The Pittsburg Post almanac for 1898 brought Greater New York under Demomaintaining manly dignity when he spat is what one could truly call a useful publi- cratic control, the campaign funds reon FITZSIMMONS in GREEN'S hotel, in cation, for it contains 448 pages of statistical maining over amounted to a surplus matter that is of exceptional value for ref- of \$20,000. If such a thing had occurlatter's daily salutation, as they passed one erence and particularly adapted to Penn- red in Philadelphia politics the Repub-The Post attaches the more lican machine managers would have sylvanians. It certainly was manly and dignified to make the spectacle of himself that he did after he had gotten the licking he so richly information to be found between its covers pretentious title of "Encyclopedia" to its the word has not been used inaplicably. plunder. But TAMMANY is less selfishly to turn the rascals out.

nd ideal leader of all the elements of ald be clearly made to appear it leserve the reprobation and excite the corto corporate greed and plunder," and if he rective action of those who deprecate such overboard he would receive such support perversion of a system of government from PULITZER'S paper as would in the bounty whose only legitimate object is the modest opinion of its proprietor, ensure his relief of disabled veterans. But it is possible that general GOBIN does not clearly election to the Presidency. There is no probability that Mr. BRYAN know that a large percentage of pensioners are persons who are not suffering from any

will accept the assistance of the World on disability, whatever, a fact which anyone such terms. It might be a relief to that rather unprincipled paper if there should can verify by personable observation among be such a back down by the Democrats on those who are receiving pensions? Is he the silver question as would give the World not aware of the disgraceful fact that among a right to claim that the course it took in these recipients of public largess are to be found not only such as are fully able to support of the gold standard was the corearn their living, but actually men of rect one; but the Democratic party is not going to sacrifie its principles to accommoample means? These are facts that should date a renegade organ by enabling it to be fully within the knowledge of general come back to the party fold with an appear-GOBIN, as it is well known to almost everyance of having preserved its consistency. Mr. BRYAN is indeed what the World body of ordinary observation that pension are being received by men in such physical leclares him to be, "the logical and ideal eader of all the elements opposed to corand pecuniary condition that their being on the pension rolls is a positive disgrace porate greed and plunder," contributed more to his being such a leader to them, and in addition to these are the than the position he occupies as the chaminnumerable bummers whose military serpion of free silver and the leading opponent vice was as much of a fake as is their claim of so greedy a monetary monopoly as the to the bounty of the government. If such gold trust.

New York's Canal Steal

It was a dangerous experiment when the people of New York voted, in 1895, for an amendment of the state constitution authorizing a loan of \$9,000,000 to deepen the Erie and other state canals. It appeared to be necessary that the Erie canal should be improved to enable it to fully perform the service it was intended to do as a public improvement, but the funds were not available unless authorized by an amendment of the constitution. The amendment was voted by the people, the money was borrowed by the Republican state administration, but it is now discovered that the funds ostensibly used for the purpose has not effected the object intended.

The people were told that \$9,000,000 would be ample for the intended improvement, but that large sum has disappeared without any perceptible results as the fruit of so great an outlay, and the state administration now informs the people that there must be an appropriation of \$7,000,-000 more if the State is to derive any advantage from the nine million expenditure. It has now become evident that the first

appropriation was squandered in the most shameless jobbery. The money that was not directly stolen by those who managed the job has been used for political purposes by the PLATT machine. What became of the money is sufficiently explained by the fact that boss PLATT and his political gang had control of it.

The New York Times correctly remarks that this canal steal is "the greatest public scandal that has been revealed in the affairs of the State of New York since Gov. TILDEN'S exposure of the old canal ring in 1875." The misfortune in this case is that there is not another Gov. TILDEN in sight

that the chances were against him if Boxwell was defeated. Owing to the Senatorwould only throw his free silver principles ship being at stake there was an unusually large attendance about the statehouse at an early hour. It required an hour to examine the cre-

dentials and swear in the 109 members of the House, but the 36 Senators soon quali-

BURKE, THE ABSENTEE, ELECTED.

All were present in the Senate chamber except Senator Burke, of Cleveland, the Republican who is opposed to Hanna and Senator Voight, the Fusionist from Cincinnati. The vote on organization stood 18 to 17 in favor of the Democrats. Senator Burke was elected president. O.

D. Cassell (Dem.) was elected chief clerk over A. C. Caine (Rep.) the latter having expected re-election by Burke's presence, although Burke would not support Hanna. As Senator Burke was absent and could not be sworn in, Thaddeus E. Cromley (Dem.) was elected President pro tem. of the Senate. It is understood, however, that he will give way to Senator Burke as

soon as the latter arrives to take his seat In the hall of the house the wildest scenes were witnessed during the first hour day of typhoid fever. of the session. All of the 109 members were in their seats. After the name of Boxwell had been presented as the regular Republican candidate for speaker, the name of Representative Mason (Rep.) was represented by Representative Jones (Rep.) and seconded by two other Republicans. The Democats did not participate in the speaking.

As the ballot proceeded there were loud cheers as the doubtful members responded to their names, and when the roll call approached the close and Mason secured the necessary majority there was a long demonstration

The first ballot resulted, Mason 56, Boxwell 52, had been claimed since Saturday night by the combined opposition to Senator Hanna. The combine then completed the organization of the House.

MALLOY BEATEN TOO.

The regular Republican candidate fo chief clerk of the house was John R. Malloy, secretary of the Republican state committee. Malloy has held the position three terms and was very competent. His voice has been heard at national conventions and he was a favorite, but he was defeated by Charles H. Gerrish, a Republican who has been Mr. Kurtz's close lieutenant in his opposition to Senator Hanna, by the same vote of 56 to 53.

HANNA'S FUTURE GROWING DARK.

COLUMBUS, O., January 4.-The political future of Senator Hanna is certainly tonight in a closely poised balance. While there are now reported to be only nine dis-senters among the eighty Republican mempers, one in the Senate and eight in the House, yet the really doubtful list is limited to two or three. Some of the dissenting Republicans are not likely ever to be reconciled to Senator Hanna. They have burned their bridges behind them and openly admit it.

The doubtful members are being offered their choice of chairmanships and given opportunity to make all other selections they want. The power of the organization of the House is certainly being used to the greatest possible advantage, and its influence is not to be under-estimated in Concluded on page 4.

-By the report of the auditor in the affairs of the united benevolent aid society at Lebanon, \$54.270.77 will be distributed among holders of matured policies.

-Warden Wright, of the western penitentiary, says that under the present interpretation of the convict labor law he can give employment to only 45 per cent. of the inmates.

-The cortege following the body of Edward Metzger to the grave at Newton Centre, Luzerne county, was caught in a snow drift, and the corpse had to be transferred to a sled.

-Thomas Fryer, W. R. Narvel and Harry Pillman were arrested at Pottstown, Monday for the theft of 700 pounds of brass journals from a tool house of the Reading railway company.

-Joe Krietal, the notorious Hungarian rioter, who was sent from Elk county with five other men for burning schutes during the coal strike of 1894, to the penitentiary for five years, died in that institution Mon-

-The Rochester mine at DuBois, was closed indefinitely on Tuesday. The miners claim that the shut down is due to the operator's desire to get rid of a number of miners who have been active in organizing since the recent strike. About 1,000 men are thrown out of work.

-It is reported that Patton will soon have another newspaper. Will Kinsloe, son of R. A. Kinsloe, of Philipsburg, is the one who will make the venture. Opposition will likely be the life of trade at Patton, as it has been at many other places. If the new paper is launched we wish it success.

-At a meeting of several ministers of the Central Pennsylvania cenference, at Williamsport the other day, arrangements were perfected for the semi-centennial jubilee of Dickinson seminary. The jubilee will begin June 14th and will continue two days. Addresses, historical and otherwise, will be delivered, and reunions will be held.

-Cyrus Graybill, of Northumberland county, was arrested last week for having in his possession and offering for sale rabbits after December 15th. At the hearing before the justice of the peace he was discharged under section eleven of the act which says persons may have in their possession game, providing it was shot before the expiration of the open season, which is the 15th of December, and also allows fifteen days grace within which to sell the game. The prosecutor paid the costs.

-About six months ago Reuben Lane, a one-legged resident of Barnesboro, started to walk to Kansas, with the intention of wedding a rich widow in that state. It now turns out that his only acquaintance with the widow was through the medium of a matrimonial agency, and when he met her in the flesh, with but one leg, and covered with the mingled dust of six or seven states through which he had tramped to join his fiance, she decided that he did not come up to the specifications and declined to marry him. He has now sued her for \$10,000 for breach of promise.

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