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The Unpardonable Sin. Conkling's amanuensis keeps up his appearance in the New York Herald, without, however, saying anything but that he has said a great deal and is anxious to have some one call him a liar and prove it.

Mr. Garfield's warrior, who declares that he was in charge of his correspondence during the election time, asserts that his positive instructions were not to make any promises to applicants for office, and he would have us thereby convinced that Garfield never did himself what he forbade him to do; and so that it was quite untrue that he could have gone to New York with the deliberate intent to buy the support of its politicians.

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THE most sensational of all political sensations from Washington during the short life of the present administration comes this afternoon, in the announcement of the resignation from the United States senate of Roscoe Conkling and Thomas C. Platt. Federal senators from the Empire state of New York. The event, we believe, is one altogether without precedent and it is certainly without anticipation by the enterprising news monger who sends their readers all that happens and is to happen and much that never happened and never will happen in that political centre. Even Conkling never appeared in such a dramatic attitude before. That his shadow of a colleague should follow in his footsteps is of course not wonderful, considering their relations. Mr. Arthur, no doubt, would be glad to quit the vice presidency, too, if he saw his way out. The idea of this startling move is, no doubt, the English idea of the ministry resigning and appealing to the people when overborne by Parliament. Conkling and Platt and their alleged senatorial prerogatives have been ignored by Garfield and by the majority of their colleagues, and they propose to carry their appeal to the party in their state. The present Legislature being strongly Conkling, will of course re-elect them, but as this was assumed them before they resigned it is difficult to see what vindication or significance there will be in such a re-election. If the vacancies could be referred to a new legislature, to be elected by the people, the chances are there would be two Democratic senators to succeed them. In any event the situation is full of interest and as amusing to the Republican party as is the skinning of an eel—to the eel.

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THE Examiner has not sustained with proof its allegation that John H. High, candidate for the Republican nomination of sheriff in 1878, offered several thousand dollars to have Jake Strine counted out and himself counted in. On the other hand neither Mr. High nor his newspaper organ, the New Era, denies that Mr. High did then pay \$1,000 into the McMillen pool to secure his nomination. This, therefore, may be assumed to be the truth, as well as that some of High's super-veniable friends did make the offer to have him counted in. But why do not the organs tell the whole truth? Let us know who made the offer, who had the Roman virtue to withstand temptation and who took High's \$1,000 and sold him out.

DON CAMERON is said to have "sworn off" and Randall is credited with his reformation. Mrs. GARFIELD is reported slightly improved. Dr. Baxter has had a consultation with Dr. Boynton and thinks, although she is very weak and somewhat debilitated, her chances to regain health are fair.

Mrs. WILLIAM A. WALLACE has been lying quiet at the Continental hotel. Her husband is at her bedside all the time. Mrs. Wallace was somewhat better last evening, and it is possible may soon be removed to her home in Clearfield.

The other day Col. Fred Grant, looking at a theatrical bill-board in quest of an evening's amusement, asked Major TOM OUCHTERLIE "Stabat Mater" meant? "Oh!" said the survivor of the Alamo, "that's from the Latin, Fred; pity the classics are not more in favor with you West Point men—it really unites you for society. It means stabbed his mother, Stabat, stabbed; our English word is derived from it. Of course even a West Pointer knows that Mater means mother. Let's go in Welcker's and lift a small bottle of Roederer off its bed."

BEAVER COUNTY is to have its annual tariff picnic in June.

Now it is the Pittsburgh & Western railroad which wants to cross the P. R. R. property around Pittsburgh, and the Evergreen narrow gauge. The Pennsylvania resists both.

Mr. Gatchell, of the Bradford Star, has instituted a criminal libel suit against Mr. E. H. Butler of the Sunday News, for calling him "jaundiced blacksmith," and other uncomplimentary epithets.

The annual convention of the Protestant Episcopal diocese of central Pennsylvania, over which Bishop Howe presides, will meet at York, on the second Tuesday of June.

The body of Benjamin Heiman, 58 years of age, formerly a well known fur importer in business on Arch street, below Sixth, was found in the Delaware river yesterday at Healdy street ferry, Bridgeburg.

The Scranton Republican looked in vain, in the reports from the State Medical society, for the name of a single representative from either Luzerne or Lackawanna county. "The Luzerne society certainly delegated a pair of medics."

Father McSwigan, pastor of the Catholic church at Hecksbergville, Schuylkill county, has made an address to his people, impugning them to assist in discovering the headquarters of the Methodist church at that place.

In a Murphy meeting in New Brighton, a preacher from Rochester, just below Pittsburgh, declared that after an experience in twenty-one states he was prepared to pronounce Rochester the worst hell-hole on earth.

The United Presbyterian ministerial association of Pittsburgh is discussing the question: "Ought the fact of being drunk at the time of committing a crime lessen or modify the penalty for that crime?"

William C. Robinson, 14 years of age, son of William C. Robinson, of Pitsion, was out fishing and his line caught fast. He went into the water to loosen it and was seized with cramps and drowned. His body has been recovered.

Emhardt Rhymer, forty-four years old, committed suicide by hanging in the cell at his home, 612 Diamond street, Philadelphia. He had been in jail for several months and had used expressions indicating intent to kill himself. His father hanged himself in the same dwelling about two years ago.

The Pennsylvania State Teachers' association will hold its twenty-first annual convention on July 27, 28 and 29. A local committee consisting of Rev. Geo. P. Hays and others held a meeting to make arrangements for receiving that body. Four hundred strangers are expected to be present.

An account of unrequited love Miss Fannie Bennett, residing with her mother, a widow in the village of Montoursville, Lycoming county, attempted to commit suicide by taking a dose of arsenic. While trying to swallow the poison she was detected by her brother, who seized and choked her to make her desist. Antidotes alone saved her.

Wilson W. Rollyn, an aged citizen of Meadville, has died, aged 78 years. His death is ascribed to grief at the loss of his wife, who died Tuesday evening. His funeral will be held at the Second Presbyterian church, after which the aged couple will be buried in one grave at Greendale cemetery.

Charles K. Taylor, a member of the Schuylkill county bar, has been convicted of false pretenses in a case in which he falsely represented himself as attorney for David S. Winebrenner, of Philadelphia, who was interested in the Cope tract of land in Mahanoy township, which had been sold at commissioner's sale. It appears that Mr. Winebrenner paid \$600 too much into the county treasury. Mr. Taylor found this out and drew the money on a commissioner's order. He also represented himself as the attorney of the First national bank of Minersville, and as such got an order for \$112.50 for interest due the bank, and the very coupons on which this amount was drawn had been paid long before. He again represented himself as attorney for Mr. Osman, and drew \$37.50 on interest on bonds which had been fully paid.

Jackdaw Doves can find leisure before leaving Washington it might be well for him to attend to that little matter of his confidential martyr, Heath, of Mississippi, Louisiana and the Southwest generally. The Boston Herald, not a Southwestern journal, submits the following pertinent information touching that injured man: "A letter from a resident of Louisville, who knew Mr. Heath at the time of the alleged outrage, states that the latter gentleman told the writer an entirely different story. He said he was hurried away through the malice of a rival dealer, that he had the good-will of the white people who deplored his loss and wanted him to stay, who appreciated his goods and bargains. The writer said he had been talked with two colored men who were angry for Heath, and they put him down as the hardest taskmaster and the poorest pay they ever saw."

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THE confirmation of Matthews by the nearly unanimous vote of the Southern Democratic senators, remarked a gentleman who has a deep insight into the politics of the South, is a striking evidence of the influence behind this extraordinary vote. I will not speak now with positiveness. There is something unusual about it that cannot fail to be severely criticised. Lamar is strong with his party, no doubt, but this was not a party question, though the nearly solid South for Matthews gives it that appearance. That he was the candidate of the big corporations does not perfectly explain it.

You ask me if it is not a fact that General Matthews is a confirmed Democrat and that he is a confirmed Democrat for the confirmation of all his set nominees? "Circumstances certainly favor that view. If Chandler goes through, I shall think it is the true one. On every ground which I can see, it is expected to act they must stand opposed to Chandler. At present I see no evidence that they will stand for him as they stood for Matthews. Therefore I am searching for other reasons for the solid South for Matthews. I agree with you that it is reasonable to suggest that some senators went for him for the reason that Gould & Co. wanted him to be confirmed, a reason that in my judgment ought to have defeated him. It is the first time a judge of the supreme court has got his seat as the favorite of the money power—of the corporate interests that are grasping for every branch of the government. The result makes true an important part of Senator Davis's letter, and will perhaps open the eyes of the people, though too late, I fear."

Concerning the suggestion that Garfield has bargained with Democratic senators to help him through with his quarrel with Conkling: For some days the White House garrison have been in better spirits, and the Democratic party has been unusually active, active for the first time since Foster's visit, a new element seems to have been at work. That a bargain of some kind is at the bottom of it all is the opinion of not a few. The fact is, the administration was pushed to the verge of despair, and a bargain was adopted. Time was short, the prospect doubtful. Garfield had the spoils, but knew not more than a child how to use them for such a purpose. He has got help and Democratic votes, and he is able to stand open to the suspicion of having bargained on the basis of the spoils. Certainly there can be no avoiding the conclusion if Garfield's nominations continue to be confirmed by the votes of Democratic senators, that the bargain has been made. It came to this, Conkling would fail inevitably. "If you suffer yourself to be beaten," said a Western administration manager to Garfield last week, "it will prove to the country the weakness which your enemies so persistently accuse you of. Defeat will be the defeat you really want. It is arguments and proddings like this that avail with Garfield. Blaine, feeling that he is credited with the responsibility of things, feels them also. Hence his activity of late."

Garfield and Blaine have more nominations to make yet. There is a mystery in the way they are held back. It is because the arrangement for confirmations is not yet complete? Has the bargain been for the special few, and not for the entire body? The answer is, the latter is more likely growing. It may take place even earlier than is now thought. It may come for the special reason and at the particular moment when Mr. Conkling can spring it as the certain way of circumventing Garfield's nominations. The lieutenant of Conkling's reserved movements. With great advantages where spoils are not the arguments against him, he is hard pressed now. Beyond a single doubt strategy is his only hope. And somebody is employing that strategy against him. You may be sure it is not Garfield himself. As one after another of the complicated cases is cleared off, the administration is freer to act. It wanted Matthews. It has got him, and is all the stronger for the next case. 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