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A Demoralizing System. The Democrats of Philadelphia have discovered what they ought to have known and acted upon long ago, that when a minority party, under the minority system of representation, can only elect a certain number of candidates, it is foolish policy to nominate more. The most general trial of this system of representation in Pennsylvania has been in the case of county commissioners, of whom three are elected in every county, and no voter can cast his ballot for more than two. This makes it certain that a single nominee of the minority can be elected; and the election of more than one is impossible unless by some exceptional circumstances the minority party becomes the majority. Nevertheless in many districts the minority, of whichever party, nominates two candidates and lets it to the decision of chance at the polls which shall be elected. The result is that their friends engage in a game of throatcutting and of affiliations with the opposition, which breed intense demoralization and leave all sorts of trouble behind. Notably has this been the case in Philadelphia and Allegheny, where the Democratic nominations of two candidates for county commissioner has always precipitated a fight upon the party when it should be harmonious, and has driven both elements

The case stands still worse in the matt r of the election of police magistrates in Philadelphia, of whom twenty-two were to be chosen, and it was clear from the outset that the Republicans would elect fourteen. and that the Democrats could not get more than eight. Nevertheless they nominated fourteen and invited what they got-a bitter family fight rings, within rings, slates and combinations, trades with Republicans, treachery and misunderstandings that will disturb their organization for long time to come. All this could have been avoided and just as many magistrates secured for the party if the convention had manfully met its responsibility and made the eight nominees who were the choice of its majority.

that have been disastrous to the morale and

discipline of the organization.

One of the incidental results of the miserable contention over this office is said to have been the defeat of Col. Banes of and A. Haller Gross, esq., for select council, having been traded off for Democratic candidates for police magistrate. The Republicans were quick to see and to seize their opportunity; and the result is that the Democracy and the public lose from select council two gentlemen whose high character and public efficiency were of far more credit and service to their party than all the police magistrates tied in a bunch.

Washing Dirty Linea.

The Republican mayor of Philadelphia and the chairman of the Republican city committe, are having a lively quarrel over the collection and disbursement of a tax that was levied upon the police force for aid and relief of the party at the election there on Tuesday. It seems that the levy raised \$4,000 : the mayor got the money. sent \$1,800 of it to Chairman Leeds and applied the balance to such needs and purposes as benefitted himself and his party conjointly. Thereupon Mr. Leeds indig nantly sent back the portion of the money received, intimating that he wanted all or none: and in an interview he declares that Smith distributed the most of the money himself, because of his quarrel with Leeds. which arose out of the fact that Smith lied to him; and smith retorts that Leeds tried to put incompetent men on him, and he will take the responsibility of directing the expenditure of the money that he collects by levy on his appointees.

The dirty linen that is being washed so publicly by these eminent gentlemen will of course offend the good taste of the better citizens of Philadelphia, who may feel some humiliation at the exhibition which their mayor is making of himself. But they are getting just what they deserve. Their city government is drifting back to the worst days of the old Pilgrim ring, and the spoilsmen are making high preparations for fat feast upon its carcass. The good men who were a breakwater in councils against the rapacity of the rings are being gradually rooted out, and it is a wonder those of them who are left do not resign in disgust with their associations.

Some of these fine days, perhaps, the people of our cities will wake up to the fact that municipal government is a matter of basiness, which should be conducted on business principles, and that men not fit for private trust should not be entrusted with public responsibilities. Occasionally an idea of this kind seems to enter the public mind, but it apparently finds no permanent lodgment. There are very few cities in the country in which imbecility and rascality do not struggle for the mastery; while intelligence and character remain aloof and seem to enjoy the process of being robbed

An Important Discovery.

The Philadelphia Roord calls attention to a fact, developed in Harrisburg in 1883, but which for some reason, has not obtained the publicity that its importance merits; mutation of townage act was passed for the benefit of the Pennsylvania railroad company, that corporation bound itself in a contract with the state to not "at any time, charge or collect rates on any description of property from any eastern or seaboard cities to Pittsburg higher than the viz., that in 1881, when the famous com-

gross rates charged or collected by the same route from same points to any point west of Pittsburg : nor shall the said Pennsylvania railroad company at any time charge or collect rates on any description of freights from Pittsburg to Philadelphia, Baltimore, New York, or other seaboard cities, higher than the gross rates that may be charged by the same route from any point west of Pittsburg to the same points on the same description of property." It was further stipulated in this same contract, which is now on file in the office of the auditor general in Harrisburg, that "the local rates from Pittsburg or Philadelphia to stations on the line of the Pennsylvania railroad shall at no time exceed the gress rates charged through between Philadelphia and Pittsburg: nor shall local rates between any two stations on the road between Philadelphia and Pittsburg exceed the through rates as made from time to time under the provisions of the act. Nor shall the rates charged to any local points exceed those charged to any point of greater distance in the same direction from the place of ship-

It will hardly be claimed on the one hand that the Pennsylvania railroad company has kept faith with the state : nor on the other that there is any excuse for its failure to do so. It has thus far refused to obey or accept the new constitution and to bring itself under the fundamental law which governs the people of the commonwealth, because it claims to have a grant of powers that antedates the constitution. But if this contract is valid the company can be reached in quite another way, and one that is far-reaching and effective.

It has been notorious that the P. R. R. local freights have been extortionate and excessive compared with through rates: and shippers have in instances been compelled to bring goods from the West to Philadelphia, past their own stations and back again from Philadelphia, to get decent rates. If a remedy has been found in this exhumed contract, let the attorney general enforce it forthwith!

THE proposition to join Union and Franklin counties in one congressional district very naturally excites the indignation of the Chambersburg Valley Spirit. One need scarcely look at the map of Pennsylvania to see the monstrosity of such a district. But the Spirit should remember that there is no other way by which the gay gerrymanderers can put John Stewart and Charles F. Wolfe into the same congressional district. And as neither of these gentlemen is likely to be sent upon a foreign mission by the next administration. the blanket must be stretched to cover both. into bangains and trades with the enemy

> THE ice men now fear that the frozen commodity may be too plentiful.

In Vienna one of the most popular of feminine recreations and accomplishments is fencing. In behalf of it, it is declared that gymnastics are too violent for the fair sex, horsemanship too expensive and not strengthening enough, dancing as enervating, and swimming and skating limited to part of the year. Perhaps they have not yet known in Vienna the fascinations of roller skating. Skill in fencing in a good thing for girls to know, even though it may teach the fair sex a more exact knowledge of the location of the heart in the masculine anatomy.

TOM OCHILTREE's luminous antics in the House recalls the red sunsets of which he was the presumable author.

THE rumor that El Mahdi is an Irishman finds a willing believer in O'Donovan Rossa. The manner in which he has been making an array of England's noblest bite the dust sends a thrill of delight through the bosom of New York's greatest dynamiter, and he stretches wide his arms to take him into companionship. In his paper, the Uinted Irishman, Rossa thus speaks of the ancestry of the Arab chieftain : "Our name is O'Donovan. In a similar fashion there is a branch family of the O'Sullivans, called Muintirna-Makdi (the people of the sticks), because in those unfortunate faction fights of olden days these O'Sullivans never made their appearance at pattern fair or market without bringing their blackthorns with them. Long life to our exiled countryman, El Mahdi! and that it might not be long till be gives the cursed English invaders of his land a better cudgelling than he gave them lately. The thought that El Mabdi is an O'Sullivan explains much that was mysterious in his char-

A MISTERY of mysteries-why Congress wastes so much time in trifles as the session's

It is somewhat strange that the value of music as an incentive to work has not been utilized by enterprising employers. There are very few persons who can listen to an inspiring strain without feeling their pulses quicken and a new impetus given to whatever they have in hand. The skating rink manager uses his band of music to inspire the legs of his customers, and the concert garden proprietor stimulates the thirst of his patrons by the same means. If the workshops of the country were each provided with a good band of music, the amount and quality of the work done would doubtless be vastly improved. But the tune played should be rapid if quick work is desired. The story is t ld of a London tailor who had among his workmen a fellow who was always singing "Rule Britannia," and the rest of his countrymen joined in the chorus, The tailor made his observations and found that the slow time of the tune retarded the work; in consequence he engaged a blind fiddler, and, placing him near the workshop, made him play constantly the lively tune of "Nancy Dawson." The design had the desired effect, the tailors' elbows moved obediently to the melody, and the work in hand was much accelerated.

In elections one machine man is worth a

dozen ordinary voters.

Winter's Icy Visitation. Lake Michigan is reported to be frozen en-tirely across to a depth of from two to three feet. The propeller Michigan, missing for ten days, was heard from on Wednesday. She is surrounded by thick ice, seven miles from shore, at a point twenty miles south of Grand Hayer, Sayenteen of her crew walk at a shore Haven. Seventeen of her crew walked ashore at South Haven in order to save provisions. There is an abundance of fuel and provisions for those left on the toat, and it is hoped that

with milder weather her release will be easily accomplished.
Three inches of snow fell on Wednesday nording at Wilkesbarre. The Susqueharna river from Tunkhannnock to Nanticoke, a distance of forty miles, is frozen to the bottom. A disastrous freshet is apprehended in the surface.

A snow storm has been raging in the mountains of Colorado for several days, causing another railroad blockade.

PERSONAL.

EL MARDI pays off his troops every Fri THE A. M. SULLIVAN fund in Great Britain

GENERAL GORDON'S letters and life will be edited and published by his brother. EMORY SPEER has been confirmed by the United States Senate as district judge in

MELISHA JOHNSON, aged over 100 years, died at City Point, Va., on Tuesday night of old age.

DR. TANNER, of forty-days fasting fame, is reported to be living in New Mexico, where he is devoting himself to the new religion founded upon the "Oabspe" Bible, which was given its initial been in New York some time ago. EDNUND YATES' confinement in prison is endangering his life. It is stated that at the age of ten years he was nervous, trritable, and puny, and that his constant habit of ex-

ercising in the open air has been the main thing that has prolonged his life to the pres-CAPTAIN JOSEPH MIFFLIN died Wednes day morning at his residence near Shippensburg. He was a direct descendant of ex-Governor Mifflin, and was known through-out the state as a civil engineer, having been engaged on the Pennsylvania and other railoads at various times. His death was from

MOLIERE JEFOR, the French sculptor, proposes to execute in honor of Victor Huge's eighty-third birthday anniversary, next week. Thursday, a monument representing a bust of the poet with the Venus of Milo placing a crown upon his brow. The conception is a antique genius paying its tribute of homage to modern genius; " which is all very well; but why should the goddess of love be chosen as a type of antique ge-nius?" And how can a goldess without hands or arms place a wreath upon any-body's brow?

Repairing Farm Implements.

From the Germantown Telegraph
Mechanical ingenuity does not come to very farmer. There are those who are possessed of excellent intelligence and yet who have not enough of incchanical skill to make a respectable milking stool. Such farmers are from necessity compelled to employ a me chanic for every little job that demands at-tention. On the other hand, there are those who are possessed of great ingenuity and are skillful in the use of tools. This is a faculty skillful in the use of tools. This is a faculty that is not wholly acquired, and yet it can and should be cultivated so far as possible. Every farmer should have a workshop in which little jobs of work can be done on rainy days. This should not only be supplied with a good selection of tools usually required, but also with materials such as are likely to be brought. into use. The room need not of necessity be large, but of sufficient size for convenience. It should be systematically arranged so that all tools should have their appropriate places. These should comprise saws, chisels, augurs, histock, bits, hammer, axe, shep hatchet, planes, wrench, files, and many others which planes, wrench, files, and many others which it is unnecessary to mention. In the line of stock there should be a supply of a variety of nails and screws, boits of various kinds and sizes, tacks, when and leather, and various kinds of lumber and pieces of wood as would be called into use. With these at hand the farmer can many times save not only a jour-ncy to a mechanic, but a bill which, with each addition in the course of the veer would be addition in the course of the year, would be considerable. Frequently the loss of a nut or the breeking of a bolt necessitates a journey to the black smith shop if no supply is at hand; but if the farmer has a supply, he has only to replace the missing or broken part and his work progresses undisturbed. If time is money, the farmer is benefited in avoiding unnecessary journeys, for repairs.

At all events, he can if he will spend the time At all events, he can if he will spend the time so saved in rest or reading for the improve-ment of his mind, a thing which is for the advantage of every tiller of the soil. During the winter the farmer should examine his implements and see that all repairs are at-tended to.

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And its clear incllow light.
Like a thoot, falls on country and town.
And the sparkling snow gleans.
Till like sliver it seems.
And the stars twinkle merrily down.

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