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It's about time for the mugwumps to organize for the defeat of Don for Senator for 1891. Take time by the fore-lock.

WHEN SENATOR EVARTS shoots one of his fine long periods at the Democratic side of the Senate, it will have to be divided up into sections, meanwhile the Republican Senators will step out and "take suthin'." It will be a sort of "twenty minutes for dinner" arrangement.

WHATEVER Grant undertakes he does it with all his might. He was a good tanner, a great general, a bad President, an inveterate smoker and is an elegant writer. His article on Shilo, aside from its historical importance, is a model of simple and pure English composition. It does not smell of the midnight oil nor has it the dust of the camp on it. A plain story, told in pure mother English, it has made a place in American literature for its author which he alone can fill.

JUDGE FURST has called the attention of the grand Jury of the county to the condition of the Court House and its general unfitness and inadequacy for the purposes for which it was originally intended. The grand jury after a careful inspection of the entire building have recommended a new Court House. It is well known that the vaults in which the county records are kept would not protect their contents should the Court House burn. They never were fire-proof in the modern sense of the word. The building is generally dilapidated, and requires constant repairs to make it tenable. What the people of the county may think of the recommendation of the grand jury, we do not know, but we should take some steps to preserve the records of the county, and give our courts, juries and witnesses comfortable quarters.

If there ever was any doubt as to the advisability of the passage of a bill of the nature of that introduced by Senator Edmunds regulating the manufacture of explosives the outrage in New York surely dispels that doubt. It is bad policy to wait until some startling explosion, resulting in the loss of life and destruction of property brings to our own doors the terrors of secret assassination or wholesale murders. The anarchical tendencies of certain elements of our population, call for legislative cognizance. All laws, the right of personal liberty, the security of life and property, and the expression of opinion are alike objectionable to the creed of the socialist, the nihilist and the dynamiter. It is better to lock the stable before the horse is stolen. Our country should be the refuge of the oppressed of every nation but not the paradise of conspirators and assassins. These men sap the very foundation of social order and set at defiance the constituted authorities of the nation. Christianity and its teachings shrink back as the demon of socialism advances. These are not idle fears but stern realities, and ere long they will vividly impress themselves on the American people. The causes for the existence of these classes are foreign to us, they lie at the foundation of the political and social systems of the monarchical and despotic governments of the old world, but their effects will be, and are now being felt here. Preventive legislation is all that can be done by Congress. The removal of the causes will only come when the political systems of Europe crumble in the dust. When Democracy becomes universal and its conception of the personal and religious freedom of man are the accepted rule of conduct.

## O'Donovan Rossa.

The great apostle of dynamite explosions and secret assassination, has at last succeeded in convincing the public that his teachings have not been without results. What has just befallen Mr. Rossa is the logical sequence of his course of instruction. It is but a little over a week since the explosion in London and a little better than two weeks since one of Mr. Rossa's particular friends attempted to carve Capt. Phelan into mince meat while the great apostle was conveniently absent, and now a modern Charlotte Corday attempts to make a martyr of O'Donovan. Of course it was never supposed for an instant that Rossa's teachings would return to plague him nor did he suppose that the handsome lady who took such a great interest in the cause, could be loaded, but such was the case. She is evidently not an American lady, or Rossa's martyrdom would have been full and complete. The fact is now established that two can play at Mr. Rossa's game. It is not a game of "solitaire."

There is an amusing side to the tragedy which Rossa in his present condition cannot see, and that is that "what is sauce for the goose is sauce for the gander." We are opposed to monopolies of any kind, and if Mr. Rossa persists in his scheme of assassination and murder, he must concede the same mode of attack and defense to his enemies. He immediately charges the attempt on his life to the English and considers it a deep laid conspiracy to rid England of the great Rossa. This is quite natural and shows that he is a good logician. If he charged it to any body else we would be forced to say that his education had been neglected. We are sorry for the great apostle, and yet it will be a good thing for him, indeed "there is millions in it" for him, money will pour into his coffers from the scanty earnings of his friends, and he will tower away above all other agitators. Herr Most, and that class of fellows will sink into utter insignificance when compared with him. But seriously, can Rossa complain if his enemies turn his own weapons against him. He has advocated assassination and murder for years and has made his place the resort of assassins and murderers, has even turned his office into a slaughter-house. What good ground of complaint can he have? His teachings are bearing their legitimate fruit; that his friends are not now "waking" him, he should thank, the Great Being whose laws he has violated every day of his life.

If he is a great crank there are others as great. He only escapes being a monster because he is a coward. Like the late "Artemus Ward" he would sacrifice all his wife's male relations in the great cause. His would-be murderess is perhaps no better than he, except that she is an apt pupil, and gives practical illustrations of her master's theories.

The spirit of retaliation is now aroused and it may put a stop to this dynamite business. If it can only be confined to the cranks the longer it keeps up the better as the world can spare them, but the innocent are in most cases, the parties that suffer. Perhaps our souls will awake from their Rip Van Winkle sleep, and take measures to protect the general public from the little band of cranks that infest New York, Chicago and several other American cities. At any rate the occurrences of Monday will furnish fresh food for reflection to one person and that is O'Donovan Rossa. He has now the other side to study and whatever conclusion he may reach will be given to the American public. We are sorry that he has escaped being a martyr, a man whose teachings have made martyrs of poor misguided men should at least reap his reward.

## Congressman Curtin's Plan.

Governor Curtin introduced a bill a few days ago providing for testing of steel under government supervision. In regard to his plan Governor Curtin said to-day that he thought the time had arrived when the country should be on a footing which would enable it to build its own naval vessels, make its own guns out of its own material, which is in abundance. The government was about to branch out and build steel ships of war. These ships would have to be armed with steel guns.

"Now is the time," remarked Governor Curtin, "for the government to show some interest in the manufacture of steel in this country. It can be made here as well as it can be made in England. It costs \$350 per ton for a certain character of English steel delivered here. That same quality can be made here for from \$150 to \$175 per ton if the government will lend a hand to proper tests of its manufacture. I want to see Congress appropriate \$25,000, or such other sum as may be necessary, for experimenting in steel manufacture with the idea of at once opening up a market for the product of our mines and mills and render us independent of foreign production. That is the sort of protection I favor. The government is paying out large sums of money in experimenting in beet sugar, in tea culture, in sorghum, in a great variety of tests of material and manufacture. There is no one of these interests of half the importance of the steel industry, where lasting benefit to the navy, army and the consumers of machinery of all kinds follow in its train. Some day we will be at war with foreign powers and will have to build, arm and equip vessels out of our own material and with our own workmen." We ought to keep pace with the rest of the world. Governor Curtin will try and get his measure tacked on some appropriation bill. —Philadelphia Times.

ONE of the phases of the contest now being waged by the dynamiter is the refusal by Englishmen to give employment to Irish labor. A correspondent who conversed with a Catholic priest in London says that there are forty thousand Irish people out of employment in that city and one tenth of that number have been thrown out since the last explosion. This system of boycotting on the part of Englishmen is the natural result of Dynamite warfare. There never was a system of war, a mode of attack or defense adopted by one party which would not be equally effective in the hands of others. As in the dynamite explosions the innocent are likely to be the victims in this new boycotting.

Self protection is the first law of nature, and an Englishman is as tender on that point as others. He reasons from cause to effect in his private affairs and says, if the recent explosions are the work of dynamiters and dynamiters are Irish, there I will not employ Irish laborers. He does not discriminate, because he cannot, his enemy does not parade with cans labeled "dynamite" and headed by a brass band. As his enemy works in secret he does not know which individual Irishman is going to blow him up. So he boycotts the whole nation and the innocent suffer. The Englishman has calmly looked at the struggle between his government and its enemies, and has been almost an indifferent spectator of the fight. He now takes measures of self defense and does not for an instant discriminate between faithful, trusty, servitors, and those he seeks to protect himself from. This is one of the results which an ordinary mind could foresee. It is a matter of indifference to those who are responsible for it. Dynamite is a failure as a political force. Its explosive character alone is good.

## Bayard

Some few embryonic Dynamiters and their sympathizers are engaged in the unprofitable business of lauding to the skies that srewed Virginia demagogue Senator Riddleberger, and heaping obloquy on Senator Bayard.

There is nothing in the character of Senator Bayard that smirks of demagoguery, and the course of the great Delawarean meets the hearty approval of the Christian world. The cranks who now worship at the shrine of Riddleberger, are the merest fraction, as a factor in politics. It is but natural that they should assail Bayard, and worship the Senator from Virginia. This small element was loud in the advocacy of the cause of Mr. Blair, and merely seize the opportunity of paying their respects to Democratic party. If the political support of that element is to be obtained through the endorsement of assassination and murder, then we hope that Riddleberger may have a monopoly of it. Mr. Bayard has simply expressed his abhorrence of the outrages of these men, and his action is that of an honest Christian statesman. His life has been pure and his public record a model for ambitious young men. If any man, be he Senator or representative, can be deterred from doing his duty by the silly threats of these men it is well enough for him to retire from public life.

It would be a bad test to put to a man, the sanction of assassination, or its condemnation. The man who caters to dynamiters and windy disciples of Rossa will find his following grow smaller, and smaller, and beautifully less. Riddleberger like his master Mahone is a political Jack in the box, flies up every time anybody uncovers him. He is not a valuable acquisition to Rossa as that distinguished stay-on-this-side-of-the-ocean patriot will find out. Senator Bayard cannot be cowed into even a left handed endorsement of the recent outrages, and as he has the courage to speak and act his convictions he does it in a straight forward manly way. Were there more Bayards and fewer Riddlebergers in American politics, it would be better.

INDEPENDENT journalism cannot flourish in the same atmosphere with the Louisiana lottery fraud, any more than could the lottery live in the rarefied air breathed by the Times. Consequently the New Orleans papers did not publish Col. McClure's little epistle to Mr. Dauphin. A branch office of The Times in New Orleans would drive the lottery over into Texas and the cow-boys could then run it.

Gov. Pattison promptly vetoed the bill creating four additional magistrates for the city of Philadelphia. The House with customary mulishness, proceeded to snub the Governor by refusing to have the message read until Monday. There is no evidence that the present House is an improvement on any of its predecessors, but one thing is plain, and that is that there will be no jobs engineered through the legislature without a vigorous protest from the Democratic Governor. The bill was intended to furnish comfortable places for four hungry Republicans at the expense of the city. It may be passed over the veto, but the responsibility will rest with the Republican party.

The Atlanta Constitution pays the following graceful tribute to Henry Watterson.

He tried to commit the Democratic party in Congress to the Morrison bill, and failed; he tried to commit the Democratic party in Chicago to the same foolishness, and failed; he tried to burden the Chicago platform with his crude ideas, and failed; he went into the lobby and tried to prevail on Congress to loan to a combination of whiskey makers a vast sum of money without interest, and failed; he tried to influence public sentiment in the South against Mr. Randall, and failed; and now he is varying his silly abuse of the editor of the Constitution with equally silly and absurd threats, hints and innuendoes against Mr. Cleveland.

## The Lash For the wife Beaters.

Senator Adams by a decisive vote has had a bill for re-establishing the whipping post for wife beaters put on the calendar. About the only objection urged to the bill is that, it is a step back-ward. It is sometimes a very good thing to retrace our steps, and a retrograde movement in this respect may be a step in advance after all. The man who beats his wife takes a long stride back towards the dark confines of brutality, and only the lash of the constable will bring him to the modern conception of woman's rights, under the law.

If there is any humiliation in the lash above that of imprisonment in a county jail, by all means let us have the lash for wife beaters.

If stripes well laid on, will break up the cowardly usage of brutal husbands, we say establish the whipping post. The talk of going back to the customs of the dark ages is all folly. We are using the laws and customs of the middle ages yet and find them very wholesome.

If it is a disgrace to be compelled to go back to the whipping post, the disgrace is not in the post, but in the fact that the brutality of husbands require corporal punishment, in order that their wives may be protected.

If anybody can suggest anything more effective, good, if not, give the post a trial.

It is refreshing to see such a leader of Irish thought in America as the New York Freeman's Journal use emphatic language in condemnation of the recent attempts at wholesale assassination in London. It speaks in no uncertain manner when it says: "Let no Christian Irishman defend deeds like these; they will bring curses on the heads and the homes of those that do them. Crazy men or ruffians, sitting in rooms in New York, if fostering or approving of these murderous acts, are accessories after the fact, and if not crazy, are accused of God and His Church, which they despise. They are also enemies of the human race, and as such should be hunted from their lairs. Assassination is not politics and murder is not legitimate war." —Pittsburg Post.

We have failed to see a single paper of character or influence that has endorsed, palliated, or excused the recent dynamite outrages, and the emphatic utterances of the press, are but the exponents of public sentiment in this country. Such methods, not of warfare, but of wholesale assassination are wholly foreign to the character of an American people. Legitimate warfare of the oppressed against the oppressor, revolution, peaceful or otherwise that has for its object the amelioration of the condition of an injured and down trodden people, excites our sympathies and opens our hearts to the cries of the distressed, but assassination, pure, simple, indiscriminate and devilish excites a feeling of horror, and calls for condemnation in the strongest and most emphatic language. To use the words of the Freeman's Journal, assassination is not politics, and murder is not legitimate warfare.

## Cleveland, Randall and Carlisle.

ALBANY, January 29.—What appeared to be a sensational paragraph was printed in the Journal this evening. It was to the effect that President-elect Cleveland was visited late last night by ex-Speaker Randall in response to a letter of invitation to him in Washington. Immediately after his arrival here Randall was driven to the temporary abode of Cleveland in Willitt street, when the two men held a conference which lasted several hours. This morning the talk was resumed, and at its conclusion Randall returned to New York on the 2:40 train. Speaker Carlisle was also mentioned as having been invited by Cleveland, and he is expected to arrive on Saturday morning. Colonel Lamont to-day corroborated the fact that Randall was here, and in consultation with the President-elect and Carlisle is expected, but beyond that he is extremely reticent. Rumor has it that the President-elect is not satisfied with the way things are moving on in Congress, and that he wants Randall and Carlisle to adopt some fresh and vigorous policy. Of course nobody has the smallest particle of information as to what took place between Cleveland and Randall, but it is the general belief that nothing in the line of Cabinet appointments was mentioned.

## Harrisburg Letter.

HARRISBURG PA., Feb. 2, 1885.  
Editors CENTRE DEMOCRAT:

Four weeks of the biennial session have already passed, and the Legislature has not yet settled down to real work. Just before the House adjourned last Friday, the rule requiring a session at 7-30 p. m., on Mondays, was changed so as to make the hour of meeting 9 p. m. and thus the long time fame of the Monday's session is made still more farcical. The Friday's session is always valuable so far as real work is concerned, so the body employed by the state to make its laws will go on with its three days work each week, the people will go on paying full time.

Four weeks gone, "only one bill passed, and this has been met with the governors veto." That's a pretty slim record, but its all there is of it. This is the Philadelphia "magistrates" bill, which is purely local in its character, is in fact, simply an attempt of the machine politicians of that hapless city to make four holes for four political pegs otherwise unprovided for. What will be done with the veto is problematical as yet, though it reached the House, in which the bill originated, early in the Friday's session, the friends of the bill saw failure in advance if they attempted to pass it over the governors head at that time, and so managed as to prevent its being reached until the close of the session.

I doubt whether its chances have been improved by the delay, as what I can learn from the four county members who have dropped in during the afternoon seems to indicate a disposition to stand by the governor. His veto message is certainly a strong one, and as it is already against a "job," the county members, who, by the way, seem to entertain a much greater degree of respect for the opinion of their constituents than do those from the large cities at either end of the Commonwealth, are likely to sustain it.

The failure of the appropriation of \$10,000 to defray the expenses of the State Commissioners at New Orleans is greatly to be regretted, but the statements of the Republican members from Bucks, taken up as they were by letters from the several state authorities, so completely destroyed the confidence of the House in acting commissioner Thomas that it was inevitable. The state will not be wholly unrepresented, however, as Mr. Thomas declares his intention to go on with the state exhibit at his own expense.

Next week the G. A. R. have their annual gathering here, "the soldier ladies will have another good time of it. I understand that your excellent citizen, Capt. Austin Curtin, has an easy lead for the honorable position of command er.

## Centre County Roads.

THE LEWISBURG AND TYRONE COMPLETED AS FAR AS OAK HALL.

TYRONE, Pa., January 28.—The Lewisburg and Tyrone railroad is completed as far as Oak Hall, Centre county, about two miles from Lemont. Trains first commenced to run on Friday, and the inhabitants of Penn's Valley, who at first objected to the construction of the road, are now exceedingly anxious that the road shall be finished as far as this place, as it will give them a shorter means of communication with the Pennsylvania Central. The Bellefonte and Lemont railroad is being pushed rapidly toward completion, and the stockholders hope by furnishing a connection between the Lewisburg and Tyrone railroad and Bald Eagle Valley road, to divert the Penn's Valley travel, and fill a long felt want of the farming element, and stop the Lewisburg and Tyrone railroad off short at Lemont. It is rumored that the Vanderbilt people are negotiating for the unfinished Buffalo Run railroad, and propose extending it to Beech Creek, Clinton county. This road will strike the richest ore fields in Centre county, and its success as a feeder to the Vanderbilt system would be assured.—Pittsburg Post. The Post correspondent is in error when he says the Penn's Valley people objected to the construction of the road. They have invested in the road over \$200,000 and for years have demanded its construction according to the agreement of the company.

A farmer in the Santa Ann Valley, Los Angeles County, Cal., cuts six crops of hay each year, and reports his sales at \$40 per acre.