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THE Twentieth district under the proposed republican gerrymander, will look geographically, like a gourd with the little end well up toward the northern tier.

ST VALENTINE'S day has come and gone, but the memory of "Samivel Weller," lingers fresh and green to the readers of "Pick-wick papers." "Spelt it with a V Samivel, spell it with a V."

THE man who sent the "bull purp" to Cleveland may get a cabinet portfolio yet. Now this suspense all comes of the president-elect being a bachelor. If he was married his wife would have "given away" the cabinet a month ago.

FROM the way the *Watchman* blubbers one would suppose that its editors were the chief mourners at the funeral of the late Henry Hoover. A nice pair indeed to head the funeral procession of an honest Democrat, and a man who always voted the straight Democratic ticket unless he got it from the senior editor of the *Watchman*. But as neither of the gentlemen were there, we will spare further comment.

HERE'S our Cabinet, and if President Cleveland desires to make any little changes it will be satisfactory to us:

Sec'y of State, Allen G. Thurman; Secretary of Treasury, Thos. F. Bayard; Secretary of War, Geo. B. McClellan; Secretary of Navy, Lamar; Secretary of Interior, W. A. Wallace; Attorney General, Garland, Post Master Gen., Gorman.

GOV. PATTISON has disappointed the politicians but he will not disappoint the people of the state. This is not a good year for jobs either, as our magisterial bill friends have found out. The Gov. has a habit of vetoing steals that strikes the average voter as about right. The magisterial bill was just as much of a steal as the contingent fund bill of two years ago was. The magisterial bill was an attempt to put four hungry Republicans into office and the contingent fund bill was intended to put money into the pockets of certain "disinterested" democratic clerks of the House. But a steal is a steal to Gov. Pattison whether committed by Democrats or Republicans.

SEMIOTIC riots have occurred in London by persons out of employment, and demands have been made on the government for the completion of government and municipal public works. In times of distress and lack of work the administration is sure to come in for more than its fair share of abuse.

The immense fortunes accumulated by a certain class of Englishmen. The wealth of the nobility and the squalor and poverty of the lower classes furnish food for agitators, and the passions of the populace are easily aroused by a comparison of conditions. Money loaned out at ruinous rates of interest is of no use to the public, and labor is never benefited by its presence in a community. Bellefonte is one of the wealthiest towns in the State. And yet how many of the wealthiest men give employment to labor. They may keep a coachman or a servant or two but to give labor that puts bread into the mouths of twenty-five or fifty people is not in their line of business.

Their wealth is of no earthly advantage to the community. We are reaching the conditions of things that drives thousands of people from Europe to our shores. Wealth begets wealth in the hands of its owners, and poverty begets discontent.

Senator Wallace.

In all the names mentioned for a portfolio under the new administration none would be more acceptable to the Democrats of Pennsylvania than Senator Wallace. For over twenty years he has been one of the acknowledged leaders of the Democratic party of the nation, and when in the United States senate, he ranked as one of the readiest debaters and ablest men of that body. As a political leader he has no equal in Pennsylvania. He is one of the most brilliant attorneys in the state and a man of remarkable executive ability, and undoubted honesty. Much of the beneficial legislation of our state has received the impress of his hand. The electoral vote of Pennsylvania was cast against Mr. Cleveland, but that fact will not weigh against her in the selection of a cabinet officer. Mr. Wallace is a man of recognized ability and his great familiarity with the public affairs of the nation, his legislative experience both in the Senate of his state and the Senate of the nation makes the mention of his name more than the mere passing whim of his personal or political friends. He is a great political force in Pennsylvania he would be of great use as an advisor of the new President. In whatever position he might be placed his subordinates would know their duties and perform them. There would be no room for spoilsmen and political parasites. He would carry out the Cleveland doctrine of "public office a public trust," he might disappoint the office seeker but not the people. Whatever prominence his candidacy has acquired in the last two weeks it has not been the result of his personal efforts. It is said that ex-speaker Randall strongly favors Senator Wallace for a Cabinet position. With Wallace in the cabinet and Raudall and Curtin in the House, Pennsylvania would be felt in the administration of affairs as her wealth, population and industrial interests should be felt.

A New Republican Organ.

Under the above caption the *Watchman*, says "Rumor now hath it that the new Republican organ that is to be started in this place in the spring is none other than our up town contemporary the CENTRE DEMOCRAT." Dame Rumor hath her location in the *Watchman* office generally and particularly in this case. The *Watchman* editors know that the DEMOCRAT will move into new quarters in the spring and so close to the *Watchman* office that the influence of a respectable journal will curb to some extent, the natural disposition of the *Watchman* editors to lying. This check on the vocation of Meek and Furey is a little galling, but will have a good effect on both. The senior editor of the *Watchman* certainly forgets his past history, or he would keep quiet on the subject of office-holding, and giving away party secrets. There has not been two years of his life since he became proprietor of that paper that he has not either been in office or has been a candidate for a nomination.

Three terms in the legislature, three or four times, he received the nomination of his county for senate, once asked for a congressional nomination and just stepped out of the clerkship of the House, and last fall would have been a candidate for the legislature but for Senator Alexander's candidacy, and even now hopes to have official lightening strike him under the new administration. If we have omitted any of the official teats at which the *Watchman* editor has either pulled or attempted to pull, we beg his pardon.

And when he was in office his official life was not like Clara's wife, "above suspicion." Indeed there is an interesting little document extant

which imputes methods bordering on bribery to the worthy ex member.

Our dear brother is treading on dangerous ground. We don't like to mention these little events of the past, but our duty to history, and our desire that the erring shall reform compell us to give a gentle reminder. Excuse us for mentioning these "little incidents Mere trifles you know."

We have received the full text of Senator Wallace's anti discrimination bill. It is very full and will meet the wants of the people. If it becomes a law it will reach the vitals of railroad monopolies and crush out the system of discriminations that has fostered giant corporations like the standard Oil Company until the legislatures and governors of at least two states have been mere instruments in their hands. The oil producers of Pennsylvania have been at the mercy of the standard company for years and hundreds of thousands to financial ruin at its hands. The bill is far reaching in its provisions and imposes severe penalties on both Companies and individuals who violate its provisions. It gives railroads the right to connect with and cross each other and compels them to receive both freight and passengers of other companies and to transport them as expeditiously as possible. It shows the work of a broad and liberal statesman, and reflects great credit on its author. The man who votes against this bill should be marked by his constituents as he is an enemy to the welfare of the state.

THE *Phillipsburg Ledger* is not much given to political editorials, but occasionally wanders off into strange pastures. In last weeks issue the "rosy cheek" scribe lectures the state of North Carolina for pensioning her crippled confederate soldiers, and says "if they want to kill northern immigration they just want to levy a state tax to pension confederate soldiers." Well as the state of North Carolina is out of debt she can levy taxes enough to pension every confederate soldier within her borders and then not burden her people a tenth as much as Pennsylvanians are in helping to keep up a lot of worthless internal revenue officers and United States marshalls. Besides it reflects more honor on the old north state to make her crippled soldiers pensioners than to make them paupers.

THERE is a bill before the legislature to regulate the sale of drugs and poisons and to prevent incompetent and inexperienced persons from engaging in the drug business. We hope our members will see their way clear to give the bill their support. The protection of the public from the ignorance and carelessness of incompetent clerks is of vital importance. Many deaths have resulted in this way and legislative regulation seems to be the only remedy. The bill provides for an examining committee appointed by the governor from twenty names to be proposed by the pharmaceutical association of Pennsylvania, and also for the registration of druggists. The method of selecting the committee takes the matter out of politics so that there can be no objection on that score. Nearly all the states of the union have stringent laws regulating this important branch of business. The bill will not interfere with those in business at the present time, but will regulate the admission of others who may desire to engage in it, in the future. Responsibility for mistakes cannot be so easily shifted from physician to druggist and vice versa.

SURELY the era of good feeling is about to dawn on Philadelphia. The *Times* and *Record* quote each other's editorials and speak of each other as "our esteemed contemporary." Yea, verily, the McClure lion and the Singlerly lamb are about to lie down together.

Hartranft and Davis.

The *Scranton Republican*, referring to the mention of the name of Gen. W. H. Davis of Doylestown, in connection with the office of Collector of the Port of Philadelphia, now held by Gen. Hartranft, says that "Davis has peculiar claims, and then alludes to his defeat for Congressman at Large and his consequent disappointment as constituting those claims."

General Davis has peculiar claims it is true, but they are not due to disappointment growing out of the late election. There was no such disappointment. He had no expectation of being elected, and accepted the nomination, only after much persuasion and as a mere matter of patriotism to his party. There was a certain vote that did not go either to Cleveland or Blaine in Pennsylvania, and of this vote, General Davis got a much larger percentage than General Osborne so that he ran more ahead of his party ticket than his opponent, which under the circumstances, gave him cause for self-congratulation rather than disappointment.

But General Davis' claims for preference in any direction in which his friends may seek it for him, have a far different foundation. He was a soldier in two wars; he was as gallant a commander as ever drew a sword, but because he was a Democrat, and for no other reason, he was refused the promotion to which every General officer under whom he served earnestly recommended him, and came out of the service of three years and three months duration, beginning with the beginning and ending with the ending of the Rebellion, with the senior colonel's commission of the state. He is a far abler man than Gen. Hartranft, and he is not and never has been suspected of connection with any such infamous political deals and trades as disgraced Gen. Hartranft's last gubernatorial candidacy and much of his administration as Governor. "Of recent years," says the *Republican*, "he (Gen. Hartranft) has not figured conspicuously in partisan politics," etc. The truth is that he has been a conspicuous figure in about every Republican machination in Philadelphia and at Harrisburg for years past, and has been restrained during the last few months solely by the conviction that it was necessary to be in order to give him even a ghost of a claim to be retained in office under a Democratic administration.

We do not know that General Davis is to be pushed for the Collectorship but we do know that, if it were given to him, a good man would be deservedly rewarded, and the public interest in the office would be faithfully subserved.—*Union Leader*.

THE pension department has for years been the powerful engine in the hands of the republican leaders for the corruption intimidation and purchase of voters. There is no department of the government in which frauds have been more glaringly practiced, and the vilest instrument in the hands of unscrupulous leaders has been pension agent Dudley. This department should be thoroughly cleansed off all the tricksters and frauds who have made it a stench in the nostrils of honest men. An army of special agents was annually sent out to influence important state elections and at every Presidential election these heeled, rounders and political tramps spread themselves over the country, promising pensions to some and refusing them to others, holding back this man's claim and making a special case of another. All in the interest of the "Grand old party." A clean sweep with perhaps a few exceptions is demanded in the interest of honest pension service.

FRANCIS A. DREXELL the head of the great Banking Houses of Drexell & Co. and Drexell Morgan & Co. died in Philadelphia on Sunday.

ONE of our exchanges remarks:

"Representative Curtin, Pennsylvania's 'Great War Governor' we think he was called when he fought under the Republican banner appears to have lost none of his shrewdness since he joined the ranks of the wicked Democrats. Talking of the Cabinet to be selected by Governor Cleveland, Mr. Curtin says it is the President's 'political family,' he, not they is to be responsible to the country for the good or evil of his administration. He is the steward, they are his subordinates in the management of the affairs of the Executive household. They should, therefore, be, declares the common-sense Representative from Pennsylvania such statesman as he can implicitly confide in—statesmen whose wisdom and integrity are known, and whom he can confidentially rely upon to aid him in the discharge of the difficult duties of his high office. Further, says Mr. Curtin, it is simply impertinent for organs and leaders to dictate to him what his policy shall be or of whom his cabinet shall be composed. That also appears to be Mr. Cleveland's view of the matter. He has recently sought the advice of statesmen, business men, and politicians. He has heard what they had to suggest or advise. Out of much counsel he has no doubt picked some wise proposition of which he will make excellent use. But nothing is plainer thus far than that he will himself select his cabinet and formulate his policy. That is what he should do."

ON Monday word was received in town of the death of Howard Brickley, at the Lloyd House, in Phillipsburg, Saturday night. There have been many rumors concerning his death, but we have been unable to gather anything reliable. It is said that he left a letter addressed to some friend which may throw some light on the sad affair, and until the letter is given to the public all else will be mere surmise. The sad fact of his death, however, remains. Among all our acquaintances we knew none more genial and kindly than Howard. He had hosts of warm friends all over the county, and his untimely death is a great shock to all. He was engaged as a traveling salesman for a New York boot and shoe firm, and was out in Phillipsburg on business at the time of his death. He was buried on Wednesday at Howard. It is sad indeed to think of Howard Brickley as being dead. It is but a short time since he was in town in good health and apparently very happy. At rest.

—We are in receipt of the address of Col. F. H. Dyer, Department Commander of the grand Army of the Republic at their 37th encampment, which met at Harrisburg on the 10th inst. It is an able production. He refers to the last campaign as being a very trying one on this order, yet the manner in which all conducted themselves regardless of partisan strife, is most congratulatory, and many new members have been admitted during the year. In referring to the encampment at this place last summer he has the following to say: "The Semi Annual encampment under canvas at Bellefonte was largely attended and was a most gratifying success; everything was done by the comrades of Post 95 having the matter in charge, aided by the generous people of Centre county, made the encampment an enjoyable one, and the days spent among the beautiful and interesting mountain scenery will long be remembered by those who participated. The business session was the largest and best held in this Department at a Summer Encampment; 423 Delegates were in attendance. But one accident occurred to mar an unbroken week of pleasure. As the business session was adjourning, Comrade J. W. Reimer of Post 283 Fairmount springs slipped and fell, injuring his spine and breaking his ribs. He was promptly cared for by Post 95 and at a camp fire held that night \$500 was subscribed for the sufferer. He reviews the work of the year generally. Space will permit us to comment but briefly.

One of the Boys.

Governor Curtin, who is quite a conspicuous figure here, either in Congress or the social circle, created a sensation at the theatre last night, being the object of much unsolicited attention. He has been anxious to see Henry Irving, and told Mrs. Curtin and their daughter, Mrs. Wilson, to go and he would meet them there. "They need not engage a seat for him. No, no; he would get a seat and be all right," he said, as they parted. The House stayed in session on the River and Harbor bill until it was quite late and by the time the Governor reached the theatre there was standing room only and very little of that. He wedged himself in along one of the side aisle and happened in front of some men who were perched upon a window-sill. One of them touched him on the shoulder and told him to stand aside. Just then a big, double-fisted fellow, who was standing close by, pointed his index finger up at the three window still ornaments with the firm inquiry: "Do you know who you're shovin'?" That's ex-Governor Curtin, our old war Governor." Then getting out "I'm one of the boys; I served under you, Governor; nobody shall shove you around where I am; git down off that window sill," he shouted; "git down quick," and as they slid from their roost he yelled: "Shill I knock them down, Governor; shill I knock them?" and the fellow fairly danced with excitement. By this time the doorkeepers had reached the parties, when Curtin's protector shouted, "Git the old Governor a seat," and pulling out a roll of bills, "git him a seat," he continued in a voice that silenced the actors on the stage. "Git him a seat; here's the money for it." There was one private box not yet occupied and the managers were glad to rush Curtin into it to end the scene that was not on the bills. "One of the boys," as he called himself then took his station in the middle aisle, and for the rest of the evening gazed intently into the private box at the old War Governor, who during the melee was unable to avoid the attention he was receiving. It created more amusement and applause than any scene in the play.—Washington correspondent to the *Pittsburg Post*.

A Young Woman Buried Alive.

SPRINGFIELD, W. Va., Feb. 12.—Mary Cox, a well known and popular young lady who lived near the mouth of the Little Capon river, was taken violently ill. The physician decided that she was suffering from neuralgia of the stomach and prescribed morphia 1 dose was administered at once, another left with instructions to give it in 24 hours. For some reason the second dose was given in a very short time. An hour or two the death of Miss Cox was announced, and two days later the body was buried. At the funeral one lady insisted that Miss Cox was not dead, and begged that a physician be sent for. That night the dogs of a man living near the graveyard, stationed themselves near the tomb and kept up a persistent howling. The next day the grave was opened and to the horror of all, it was found that the girl had been buried alive. The lining was torn from the sides of the casket and the pillow was in shreds. The poor girl had literally stripped the clothes from her body. Her hands and arms were torn and bleeding, the lips were bitten through, and handfuls of hair was torn from her head. To girl had come to life, and had evidently made a fearful struggle to escape. The awful affair fills the community with horror.

An old Landmark gone.—We are pained to announce the death of Mr. George Breen, an old and respected citizen and farmer of Gregg township, which occurred on Sunday morning last. Mr. Breen was born and raised in the "Mountians" where he spent the greatest part of his life. Of late, as his health became impaired, he moved to his sons, Jacob Breen, living on Jonathan Harter's farm, in Penn township. His sickness was a protracted one, but he bore it with christian fortitude and died after a years affliction in the blessed hope of a glorious immortality. He reached the high age of nearly 83 years. His funeral took place last Tuesday forenoon, when his remains were interred in the Georges valley cemetery. Peace to his ashes.—*Millheim Journal*.

—New styles in neck wear for men at Garmans.