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EVARTS is the "silver tongued" senator from New York.

THERE'S a "Growlers Organ" in Philadelphia too it seems.

TRAINS have been delayed on nearly all of the railroads of Pennsylvania by snow drifts.

PERRY BELMONT is the son of his father, that great question has been settled, "the sun do move."

A Cleveland girl eloped with a dusky son of Ham. There seems to be an occasional Desdemona for Othello.

PHILADELPHIA has just illuminated in a million dollar blaze. Who says the quaker city is in its "swaddling clothes"?

THE Rev. Waldo Massaros has solved the question as to how "ladies are evolved." We thought we had the solution long ago, but we had 'nt, we only know "how to raise em."

GOV. HILL of New York paid a very graceful compliment to President Cleveland and his administration, of course the "fight" between New York, Governor and President Cleveland will still go on—in the newspaper.

THE "old Roman" of Ohio has just arbitrated in favor of the miners of Ohio. It is rough to think of the standard oil monopolist sitting in Thurman's place in the senate. But then Payne is a financial aristocrat. None but the wealthy need apply.

JOHN SHERMAN has "unanimously" succeeded himself. Bully for John. What's the use in being a senator unless your a snoop of a senator.

We would suggest to the Patriot, that a little more telegraphic news, would help its circulation amazingly.

FRANK B. GOWEN has been elected President of the Philadelphia and Reading Railroad Company. If any one man can bring Reading out of her present financial straits we believe Mr. Gowen is the man. The Philadelphia newspapers devoted to the interests of the Reading's rivals have endeavored to throw odium on Mr. Gowen, but all to no purpose as he has been triumphantly elected.

SENATOR EDMONDS is "going for" the harem of Salt Lick, with a vengeance. The only thing to be feared is that the Senator in his zeal for the suppression of polygamy may trespass on rights guaranteed by the constitution. The overwhelming majority by which the bill passed the Senate shows that there will be no triding with the matter, the axe will be applied to the root. Polygamy is doomed. Oh! "Briggy" if you could have lived to see it.

Gov. Curtin's New Committee.

The announcement of the House Committees by Speaker Carlisle created no particular comment except perhaps the displacement of Gov. Curtin from the important committee on Foreign Affairs of which he was chairman in the last Congress, and his assignment to the nominal committee on Banking and Currency. Various reasons have been assigned for the de-capitation of our member among others the opposition of Sec'y Bayard and Mr. Morrison, and the charge said to have been made by Bayard that the secrets of the committee have "leaked" out through its chairman. This Mr. Curtin denies and says that there are "no secrets to leak out." Whatever the cause, it is but fair to the Governor that he should have had a committee equally as important as his old committee. Gov. Curtin is not loquacious nor is he given to telling secrets. He supported Mr. Carlisle in the revision of the rules and deserted his warm friend Randall to give the speaker the benefit of his influence. In this he stood solitary and alone in the Democratic delegation from his state. While we did not approve of our member's desertion of the great Pennsylvanian yet having done so, we think Mr. Carlisle should have shown his gratitude by appointing him to his old committee. If Gov. Curtin's enemies in Washington desire to retire him from active political life they might have saved themselves trouble, and been fier from the charge of "indecent haste" by keeping quiet as it is an open secret in his district that he is anxious to retire to private life on the expiration of his present term. This fact was urged in his last campaign by his friends as a reason for his re-election. "He would be out of the way of other aspirants." Of course his competitors affected not to believe this, but Mr. Curtin's warm friends knew of his determination to seek the quietude and rest of private life, and used the fact with his approval. The assignment of the Governor to the head of a committee for which he frankly admits he is not fitted is very discourteous to say the least of it. But he can console himself with the thought that the labors will be very light, as a committee on pre-adamite mules would have about as much to do with the legislation of the present Congress as the committee on Banking and Currency. The charge that Gov. Curtin opposed Bayard's presidential aspirations is absurd as he was not a delegate to the Chicago Convention and did not control a single vote. Mr. Wallace was at the head of the Pennsylvania delegation and held it almost solid for Randall until that gentleman was out of the race. Then the Senator threw its weight into the balance and Cleveland was nominated. Secretary Bayard is certainly too familiar with the facts to make so silly a charge as that against Gov. Curtin, and besides if such were the case Bayard is too broad gaged to use such argument or to show resentment if such were the fact. If the deposition of Gov. Curtin is humiliating to him it is equally so to the people of his district. But it is doubtless better for Gov. Curtin that he has been relieved of the onerous burdens of an important committee, the labors of which would in all probability have broken his health and shortened his life. We feel like congratulating him on his promotion to a committee whose labors are only nominal.

Another Mine Caves In.

SHENANDOAH, Pa., January 7.—A cave in occurred at Johnston Run, near Mahoney city, to day, and a block of houses went down out of sight, the families living in the houses making narrow escapes. The surface is still caving and five more blocks are expected to go down.

The State Committee.

On the 20th instant, or thereabouts—for no formal notice has been given to the public—the Democratic State Committee of Pennsylvania will meet at Harrisburg to effect an organization for the coming year. When the campaign resulted so disastrously last year it was given out with more or less authority that the present Chairman, Mr. W. U. Hensel, would resign and afford the committee an opportunity to effect a reorganization. Had this resignation been promptly made the Democrats of the State would have been enabled to look around them and choose a Chairman who would make an earnest effort to gather together the beaten and scattered elements of the party and put it in position to make head against the Republicans in the important contest that is approaching.

It seems that all the talk of the resignation of Mr. Hensel was erroneous. The Democrats who hoped and believed that a new organization would be effected were only thrown off their guard. Mr. Hensel is again a candidate for the Chairmanship in spite of the early protests to the contrary, and with the State Committee as at present constituted his election is a foregone conclusion. There are enough officeholders and office-expectants on the committee to stifle a serious effort to reorganize the party.

If the present management is to be maintained, the result may be anticipated in a repetition of the disasters of the last three years. The party will go into the contest without organization and without the least hope of success. There will be more dress parades, and more marching and countermarching in front of the enemy. There will be more campaigning by the Chairman in Ohio, New Jersey, New York and Delaware while the committee is left under the control of a clerk. But so far as the party in Pennsylvania is concerned there is more need of organization and less of the pomp and circumstance of political war.

It is hardly necessary to revert to the history of the Democratic party of Pennsylvania to show the depth to which it has fallen under existing management. During all the years of its history until this recent period the party possessed a compact and harmonious organization, under which it made battle and frequently wrested victory from its opponents. In 1867, in 1874, and in 1877, the Democrats carried the State against the united Republicans and in all the years in which they were defeated they never lost till a recent period their firm organization and their hope of success. Now, in the contempt into which the party has fallen in Pennsylvania, the Republicans dare to make any nominations for State officers in view of Democratic demoralization. Already names are mentioned for State officers in the coming contest that would not be seriously considered by the Republicans if the Democratic party still preserved its ancient prestige and its organization. In its nerveless condition it has ceased to serve the useful purposes of an opposition by compelling the Republicans to put forward their best and most available candidates. The Democratic party is no longer a rallying centre of public opinion in the State, and its demoralization, reacting upon the Republican party, has lowered the tone of both.

Conceding that the best possible organization cannot prevent defeat, and admitting even that the present management in Pennsylvania is in nowise responsible for the sad condition of the Democracy, it is none the less certain that widespread dissatisfaction and distrust prevail in regard to the existing management. If it be true that the Chairman has not used his position to promote the spirit of faction by aiding in securing appointments in Philadelphia and elsewhere

of men possessing no influence of consideration in the party, the belief that he has done so has fatally injured his usefulness as head of the organization. A party no more than an army can be expected to rally with vigor and enthusiasm under a leader whose campaigns have each followed the other with increasing disaster. Should the present management be maintained defeat more overwhelming than has yet been witnessed threatens the Democracy in the next contest. Democrats possessing the confidence of the party cannot be asked to accept nominations with chaos and demoralization all around them. But if a new organization is effected under a vigorous and capable management the party will heartily respond. Strong candidates will be presented for the popular suffrage, and if success should not immediately follow, the Democracy of Pennsylvania will once more command the respect of its opponents. If it is proposed, however, to keep up the present management as a means of gratifying personal vanity and of gathering a few of the crumbs of patronage at Washington, it cannot be denied that it well serves such ends. Unless the Democratic party of this State has other aims and another mission it may as well be disbanded.—Record.

Death of Mrs. General Meade.

PHILADELPHIA Jan. 8.—Yesterday Mrs. Margaretta Sergeant Meade, the widow of General George G. Meade, expired at her residence, No. 1236 Delancy Place, which was presented to her husband by his friends in this city, who also contributed a large sum of money to support the family of one who had rendered such invaluable service to his country. Mrs. Meade was a daughter of the late Hon. John Sergeant, one of the greatest lawyers and most eminent statesmen that Pennsylvania has produced. She was a lady of most amiable character, and was highly esteemed by all who knew her.

Swallowed by a Mine Breach.

A NUMBER OF FAMILIES MADE HOMELESS BY A CAVE-IN.

SHENANDOAH, Pa., January 8.—The excitement at Boston Run, where the block of miter's houses was swallowed by a mine breach yesterday, was renewed this afternoon when another large area of surface, upon which is located eight blocks of houses, began to settle. The people fled from the houses in terror, leaving all their effects behind. The ground has settled about four feet, and the houses are twisted all out of shape and are expected to go down at any moment. The bridge between Boston Run and the village on the opposite side of the valley, has been swept away by the flood and it is only by a long and circuitous route that the homeless people can carry their household goods to where they can find shelter. About twenty-four families have been driven out of their homes by the cave-in.

Give us a Leader.

We give in another column an able editorial from the Philadelphia Record on the chairmanship of the State Central Committee.

This is the position the DEMOCRAT substantially took a year ago, and reiterated it last fall. The only hope for the party in the state is an entire new organization. Mr. Hensel has the election machinery in his own hands but we trust he will have the good sense to retire and not force himself on the party he has "burdened with defeat in two successive campaigns." The Record has been slow in sounding the alarm, and the Democratic press generally have refrained from speaking out as it should, but a stiff fight should be made for a new deal and party success. A new leader is wanted. Give us a leader gentlemen.

The Utah Bill.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 8.—The Utah bill, as it passed the Senate to day, is substantially as reported from the committee and as published in the morning papers of Dec. 22. The only change of consequence is the addition of a section providing that marriage between persons within the fourth degree of consanguinity—but not including that degree—shall be deemed incest and punished as such.

The bill provides that in any prosecution under a statute of the United States for bigamy, polygamy or unlawful cohabitation, the lawful husband or wife of the accused shall be a competent witness and may be compelled to testify, that every marriage ceremony in the Territories shall be certified in writing, the certificate to be signed by each of the parties and by the officer or priest performing the ceremony; that all records of marriages kept by official functionaries shall be subject to inspection by United States officials and refusal to permit this is punishable by fine and imprisonment; that it shall not be lawful for any female to vote at any election hereafter held in Utah Territory for any public purpose whatever, and no such vote shall be received or counted or given effect, in any manner whatever; and any and every act of the Governor and Legislative Assembly of the territory of Utah, providing for or allowing the registration or voting by females, is annulled; that the laws of Utah recognizing the capacity of illegitimate children to inherit a father's property are disapproved and annulled, and no illegitimate child born subsequent to the passage of the act shall be entitled to any share in the inheritance; that the laws of Utah which provide that prosecution for adultery can only be commenced on complaint of the husband or wife are annulled; that the acts of the Utah Legislative Assembly recognizing the corporation known as the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, and the ordinances of the so-called General Assembly of the State of Deseret, incorporating this body, are annulled so far as they may preclude the appointment by the President of fourteen trustees of the corporation, who shall have all the powers provided for in the laws creating the said corporation; it shall be the duty of the Attorney General of the United States to institute and prosecute proceedings to forfeit to the United States and property of corporations obtained or held in violation of law, and all property so forfeited shall be disposed of and the proceeds applied to the common schools of the Territory, provided that no building shall be forfeited which is held and occupied exclusively for the purposes of religious worship. That all the laws of the Territory relating to the Special Emigrating Fund Company are annulled, and it shall not be lawful for the Territorial Assembly to create any corporation or association for the purpose of bringing persons into the Territory for any purpose whatever; that it shall be the duty of the Attorney General to bring suit to dissolve the said corporation and wind up its affairs.

Adultery is made punishable by imprisonment for not more than three years, and in case of fornication by an unmarried man or woman each is to be punished by not more than six months imprisonment or \$100 fine.

Commissioners appointed by the Supreme Court and District Courts of Utah are given all the powers of Justices of the Peace, and the Marshal of the Territory and his deputies are given all the powers possessed by Sheriffs and their deputies as peace officers.

MARY ANDERSON is a devout Catholic and attends early mass every day. That's right gentle Mary, better do that than loaf in bed until 10 o'clock, like some other Mary's do.

KATZBE WILHELM is seriously troubled with the "Rheumatiz" its about time for the "ancient and honorable" Bill to engage quarters in another world.

The Baltimore and Ohio, Railroad, is fighting the Trunk Line pool, and will sell reduced rate tickets from New York, to all points west. These rates will be so low that for any of the Trunk Lines in the pool, to undersell the B. & O. will virtually break the pooling agreement.

The sorrel topped gentleman from New York is likely to succeed Wood-pulp Miller as Senator from that state, now if the New York Republicans have any sense at all, they will give the lordly R-scoe another vindication, one that vindicates, and no "me to Platt" business in it.

SENATOR WALLACE is spoken of as the probable Democratic Candidate for Governor. The Democracy of Pennsylvania would warmly welcome the advent of Wallace in State politics, but with Hensel as Chairman there is about as much chance for a Democratic victory as there would be for an ice house in the infernal regions.

"THE dying Congressman, Rankin" says the Washington correspondent of the Cleveland Leader, though he cannot live more than a month or two at the furthest, keeps up his spirits very well indeed. During the choice of the seats he was one of the unluckiest ones, and got one next the back of the chamber. As he took it he turned to his next door neighbor and said: 'Not a very good seat, its true; but it will not create so much attention back here when it is draped after my burial.' Not long ago the doctor told him he was safe as long as his feet did not begin to swell, but when that change took place he might know that his death was approaching. Said he: 'O late my feet have been swelling considerably. I can stand it well enough as long as the daylight shines and I do not have to face death, but if I awake in the night with that sensational swelling in my feet, the thought of passing away makes me nervous, and I wish the doctor had not told me.' Wisconsin men speak very highly of Joe Rankin. He was a brave soldier during the war, and has been a very efficient public servant.

St. Paul and Minneapolis.

The growth of the twin cities of St. Paul and Minneapolis during the past year has been one of the most important incidents in our history. Chicago is no longer the wonder of the West. The Capital of the new Northeast is now the synonure of the Mississippi Valley. In Chicago \$19,000,000 was last year expended in building. This is but \$2,000,000 more than was spent in St. Paul and Minneapolis. In some departments of Trade the latter cities are without a rival. Seventy per cent more bushels of wheat were shipped to Minneapolis than to Chicago last year. The sales of real estate in two cities during the same time amounted to \$40,000,000 and their jobbing trade amounted to over \$120,000,000. This double city has some basis for its proud prophecy that before the close of this century it will overtop every city on the continent except New York.

Shot His Wife Dead and Then Himself.

PATTERSON, N. J., January 7.—George Halford, a huckster in Central Market, Newark, this evening killed his wife and then killed himself. His wife was asleep in her bed when he shot her. Mrs. Halford kept a boarding house in this city, having been separated from her husband for eighteen months until Monday last, when they were reconciled. Halford had been drinking since. No cause is assigned for the act, except his complaints that she preferred her children by her first husband to his.