

THEY WENT OUT ALIVE. It is altogether about as cheerful and considerate a proceeding as that of the Indians who were wont to give a captive his freedom if he ran the gauntlet successfully, but it failed to burn him at the stake. That for once this plan failed, seems to have produced a feeling of mortification in the hearts of those who have been so certain that it would not distinctly articulate in its apologies as the occasion would seem to demand—while the Government organ, the Standard, is simply indignant at the wrong person.

THE MASSAGE OF THE ENGLISH PEOPLE, beyond a doubt, love fair play. It is only of late, particularly since Mr. Gladstone took up the home rule cause, that their eyes have been opened to the ways and means of repression and coercion. The Parnell commission proceedings have, however, resulted in a most instructive illumination of the whole subject.

WHY SHOULD WE? A very unique indication of the degree to which political practices have displaced the constitutional theories of our Government is afforded by a dispatch sent out from Washington concerning a call which some New Yorkers made on General Harrison. It is stated that General Harrison told the delegation that unless they could settle their differences in twenty-four hours "he would be governed by his own inclinations."

THE ABVIOUS INFERENCE FROM THIS ASSERTION is that the New York politicians can agree with the President-elect in the selection of that member of his Cabinet at least—not to be governed by his inclinations, but by the orders of the New York delegation. The Cabinet members, by the fundamental theory of the Government, are the President's personal advisers. They are the agents by which his executive policy is carried out, and their official relations are solely with and from the President.

WHEN PARTISANSHIP REACHES SUCH AN EXTREME, it is time to disregard the vote of the people. It is time to call a sharp and positive halt.

THE WEST VIRGINIA FIGHT has developed quite a number of remarkable features; but none of them are more striking than this declaration of the certifying officer of the power to ignore the official returns, and by casting out the vote of entire counties given to the Republican majority, grab two seats in Congress. There have been allegations that the Government of West Virginia was to be grabbed without reference to the popular vote, and this action certainly appears to be entirely in harmony with that idea.

THE PRESIDENT NOT A PUMP. The President of the United States is not a pump. We say this dispositionally and without partisan bias. Whoever will fill the White House in the future it is safe to say that he will not be a pump. President Cleveland's right arm has been put to the base use of a pump-handle, and unless General Harrison declines to shake hands with all the people who attend receptions at the White House, his right arm will suffer the same painful and paralyzing result.

THE TOPICAL TALKER. Empty in the Face of the President-Elect—Plenty of Patriots—This Winter is a Failure. A GENTLEMAN who returned here from Washington a few days ago informs me that an intimate friend of the President-elect told him a remarkable story about General Harrison's financial condition.

THE LARGE CORPS OF BUTLER STREET. The Sunday school were entertained by Mr. and Mrs. S. Hamilton, at their handsome residence on Rebecca street, East End, last night. Mr. Hamilton, of the Pennsylvania State Normal School, entertained the ladies at a table set with baskets containing lunches or fruit. After the contents were consumed, Mr. Hamilton, at the request of the ladies, entertained them at a table set with a large number of books, which were given to the children of the Sunday school.

THE FOURTH ANNUAL CONCERT. Turner Hall, on Forbes street, was ablaze with lights and filled with pretty women and well-dressed men last evening. The occasion was the fourth annual concert and reception of the M. E. Church, South Side, at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. S. Hamilton, at their handsome residence on Rebecca street, East End, last night.

THE CHILDREN ENTERTAINED. Mrs. Donnelly, of Fifth avenue and Hoop street, entertained a large number of children at her home yesterday afternoon by giving them a reception. There was a very tempting collation served to the guests, and all enjoyed themselves amply.

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CUTTING DOWN APPROPRIATIONS—REGULATING COVARIANT LABOR—A BLOW AT SPECIALISTS IN FUTURE—BARRING ELECTRIC WIRES—SEVERE PENALTY FOR NON-COMPLIANCE. The House of Representatives has passed a bill reducing the amount to be paid by counties for the care of the indigent insane from \$20 to \$15 a week.

THE JUDICIAL COMMITTEE OF THE HOUSE met this afternoon and decided on the following bills, which will be reported when the Legislature meets again on Wednesday night. The Brooks bill, providing that no more than 25 per cent of the inmates of a penal institution be employed in any occupation, and prohibiting other restrictions on occupational power, was affirmatively recommended.

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SILHOUETTES OF CITY LIFE. A House That's Really Heated. Dr. Connelly killed his two children and then himself, in a room at No. 10 West Elizabeth street. His wife saw the deed and became insane. A report has recently been circulated that the house is haunted by the spirit of a boy leaved by George L. Herrick, who occupies the first floor and sublets the remainder. Mrs. Nicholson lives with her husband on the second floor, asserts that she was "abducted" by a transparent man in her room a few evenings ago.

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