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PITTSBURG, WEDNESDAY, NOV. 19, 1890.

SENATORIAL CANDIDATES are springing no like weeds in a wet season, if the newspaper reports can be taken as any indication.

Following the publication of the report of the Senate on the Eastern papers. Beyond dispute this result of the emity to lawyers cherished by the Farmers' Alliance is rather unprecedented so far as the forms are concerned; but it is not by any means clear that the cultured East is always so free from the field and will seek to get even for what is ascribed to be Cameron's failure to support his gubernatorial canvass, by retiring the latter to private life and taking his Senatorial functions to himself.

It is quite possible that the Alliance people could reply rather forcibly that the election of a capable and impartial citizen as Judge, even though unopposed in the law, is quite as likely to produce as good an article of justice as the system in New York which selects judges not by their legal attainments, but by their willingness to yield assessments of from \$4,000 to \$10,000, for the politicians of Tammany to sustain themselves.

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ON QUAY. This tendency of the organs after the death of their managers in 1888, represents a conviction on their part that there is nothing so criminal as being beaten.

IN two weeks more Congress will get together again. The country has had a short vacation but it manages to improve the opportunity and let our statements know that to occupy time in partisan feeling is the most certain way to get a backache.

MR. CLARKSON is alleged to assert that "the Republicans can and will win in 1892 if they make a wise nomination." Mr. Clarkson's idea of a wise nomination being H. A. Alger, of the Pennsylvania legislature, is in accordance with that theory of wisdom which considers public opinion as little as possible.

A SCIENTIFIC writer asserts that every year a layer of the sea, fourteen feet thick is taken up into the clouds. The past year warrants the conviction that about forty feet were taken up and dumped down on the heads of the American people.

IT is noticeable that Secretary Blaine is maintaining the publication of official documents on the cultivation of reciprocal relations with South America. The silent emphasis with which these documents are laid before the public seems to indicate a strong declaration that it is not the Secretary of State's affair, just at present.

THE Southside is solid for Mayor Quary for the free bridge question, and the demand for better and more means of communication between Pittsburgh and trans-Monongahela districts is crystallizing in defined plans and under taking.

THE intimation that Fidler will be put forward as a rival of Cameron in the next Senatorial election is significant of an opinion on the part of his supporters that it is best to replace a man who has a genius for holding his tongue by one who has no less positive genius for letting the public know what a goose he is.

ACCORDING to Superintendent Malone the new postage is being held back by the Washington authorities, who have neglected to give out contracts that are needed. The blame ought to be properly located.

SIX AND A HALF tons of diamonds valued at \$200,000,000 are asserted to have been taken out of the Kimberly mines in South Africa since 1886. If this rate of production is kept up, there is hope that diamonds may become so common as to be of little value.

EVERYONE now having been heard from except Tippecanoe it is about time for that hapless fellow to make his appearance. Perhaps he would prefer a lecture engagement.

A REPORT comes from the Pacific Coast that San Francisco lawyer has been hyped before the public as a "dandy." This is calculated to produce a deep founded conviction among the legal profession that hypochondria is an unwarrantable interference with the rights of the person.

EASTERN Connecticut is reported to be overrun by wildcats. They must have escaped from Wall street during the recent squeeze.

THE mention of the name of Colonel Thomas Moonlight, as likely to be Ingalls' successor, indicates the Kansas conviction that if iridescent dreams are to be a feature of Senatorial careers they want a Senator whose name is appropriate to that function.

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ROBERT BROWNING is responsible for the statement he was nearly 50 before he made any money out of his writings.

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SNAP SHOTS IN SEASON.

The strictly business man is the man who attends to his own business.

STICKY, sticky weather, isn't it? Your feet smother in the mud, your clothing sticks to your moist outside, and you have to stick to your umbrella. For the past forty-eight hours people in this weather-shifting region have been subjected to a vapour bath as well as a shower bath. Disagreeable without doubt.

The sunniest tempers have been tested, the clearest minds have been clouded, the pleasant faces marked the mist. Such unseasonable weather certainly makes us hope. We can't pull ourselves together. He who hammers cannot deliver a true blow in the fog; he who figures cannot quickly find his footing in the vapour; he who thinks cannot brush aside the mist that seems to settle on the pathways of the mind in the dismal damp which has enveloped us. Nature seems out of tune and we join in the discord.

A blizzard—dry, heavy, searching, ice-making—it would shake us and wake us up. It would blow the clouds away, scatter the mists, dry the earth and give the sun a chance to touch us occasionally. Of course we must be built for all seasons, but for surely the weather is not built for us. It blows hot and blows cold so suddenly that we feel its effects on the body as when the danger and the dampness lingers too long we feel its effects on our mind. But we must fight off the fogs and the foggy fancies. When the bracing winds and the cheering sun above and chase them away we will forget all about them. The past only leaves a shadow after all. If heaven sent no rain the earth would yield no flowers.

We are protectionists, but are perfectly willing to have bridges put on the free list.

A CARO of emigrants afflicted with small-pox arrived at New York yesterday. They will be pitted.

We hope the friends of the Lake Erie Ship Canal do not imagine that they can dig it with their mouths.

SECURITIES make Wall street insecure.

THE tin plate tariff has elevated the pig plate.

A KNIGHT errant—poking for the doctor after dark.

THE women of the land are the most active patrons of Hebanbury.

LACKAWANNA seemed to lack backing during the recent winter.

MAN wants but little here below, Nor wants that little "long."

For when he's "short" as we all know, He wins when short goes wrong.

MINNIE PALMER has joined the ranks of stage women who have concluded that love and glory are synonymous.

THE brokers didn't take much stock in the old saying that there is no such word as fall.

THE sidewalk wheelbarrow must go, but the baby carriage still has right of way.

WILL the disappearance of the North River Bank interfere with the building of the big bridge over that stream?

GAMBLERS are frequently forced to show their hands.

PITTSBURG looks like old times, thanks to the fog, clouds, rain and gas rains.

THE world is round, but we should live on the square.

A HOPEFUL sign—An anchor.

THE Indian Messiah will hunt his tepee as soon as a Judas appears.

A NEW word will have to be coined by the Signal Service folk before the present weather can properly be defined.

JAY GOULD thrives well on railroad fare.

THE King's Daughters are courted just the same as the daughters of kings.

LITTLE Bo Peep, she has lost her sheep; Put the children to bed, and be good.

LETTER to Peep, you're a right to sleep; In Wall street it was shown.

JUDGING from the advertisements of the makers of cosmetics and other articles for female adornment, the Maker forgot to put the finishing touches on womankind.

THE finest photographs of friends are carried in the memory, not in the album.

THE practical joker is the fellow who secures all his pleasure at the expense of others.

WHERE it not for the newspapers scandal would be the chief article of conversation and gossip would be more numerous.

THE prosperous iron man never backs a furnace. He banks the profits thereof.

THE weather is no respecter of persons, Masses not excepted. The appended thoughts were penned last November—just a year ago—when the weather was seasonable. They were resurrected the other day, but seem to be as timely (perhaps it is this morning) and an unknown critic—"Heldene"—has gently taken us to task. His effort is worthy the light, hence the reappearance of the "ideal" and the birth of the "real."

NOVEMBER. The earth's golden store has cast in tired rapiers.

The leaf-strept trees nod in the breeze that sweeps the forest land;

The night-dew kisses frost-touched earth, and coated eaves the more;

But melt to tears when light appears, ere day is only born.

No song birds carol in the grove, now swathed in fog-wet veils;

When shadows gray shut out the ray that in the East's pale sun, with lukewarm breath to cheer the day's full birth,

Gladdens bring to everything, and glorify the earth.

The sky its overflow hath cast upon a soaking world;

The leaf-strept trees have lost their leaves by April breezes whirled;

The night-dew, now kissed by frost, are drowned in ceaseless rain;

And add their tears to tears greater to swell the wet refrain.

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And this alone is born of truth in Willie Waverley's tale.

The sun's a myth, now this admit, or judgment by default—

There's naught but rain and fog and chill beneath the heavenly vault.

SULLIVAN will have to quit the stage when he strikes a light house.

THE man who puts up the boodle seems to be playing all the baseball now.

THE great political knowalls are now reading Don Cameron out of the Senate. Have they received their cue from Quay?

WHEN a great man sound their own praises the noise grates harshly on the public ear.

LOOKING FOR A NEW OPERA. DeWolf Hopper's Manager Says There is No Lack of Material.

DeWolf Hopper held a consultation yesterday with Professor J. Charles Davis, Weston Morse, the composer, and Manager Ben Stevens about getting up a new opera for next season. Mr. Stevens said there was no lack of material, but that it would be to make a popular selection.

AS it costs from \$10,000 to \$15,000 to put a new opera on the stage, it requires at least six weeks for rehearsal. It is no wonder, therefore, that the gentlemen will probably say they have had their eye on the matter and in that time they may decide on something.

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A HERCULEAN GIBBET.

Use Messengers in War. From the Cornhill Magazine.

Taking advantage of two birds remarkably for their long and sustained powers of flight, and their ability to perform their mission from a view to utilizing swallows and pigeons as war messengers.

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