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THE REPUBLICAN TICKET.

State.

Supreme Court-WILLIAM P. FOTTER Treasurer-FRANK G. HARRIS.

In the interest of civilization some nation ought to take a fall out of Turkey! but France won't.

Overshooting the Mark.

HERE ISN'T any call for "Pitchfork" Tillman or any any other crank to deliver a ecture on immorality in politics and point out Pennsylvania as a horrible example. There isn't any call for New York or any other newspapers to get a spasm of reform and begin in Pennsylvania. They can all make a start nearer home. There has never been a time when Pennsylvania had as good a financial record as under Governor Stone's administration. There has never been a mayor of Philadel phia who has accomplished what Ashbridge has done in saving the waterworks to the city. There has never been a mayor of Scranton who gave a cleaner administration than W. L. Conrell and his work as recorder will be as excellent.

The fact is that the yellow journalism of this state has lied so outrageously with "Quayism" and "ring rule" for texts that it has become a fad of other states to jeer at the infamy of Pennsylvania. It is an illustration of overshooting the mark, if the mark can be considered the downfall of the real Republican party, for it has long been evident that the fish wife style of journalism, with its hysterical accusations and tract as they left. They had no grievvulgar epithets, is not influencing the voters of the Keystone state against their own interests. They continue to sustain the only party which has ever worked for progress and improvement. It is the votes which give signifiance to all political arguments. The votes in Pennsyvania are a continual refutation of the slander of disappoint-

The Democratic candidate for state treasurer, A. J. Palm, is personally a good man, but in view of his record as an incessant champion of eleomargarine it is evident he doesn't expect many rural votes.

ed office seekers.

Sixty Years' Progress.

T IS INTERESTING, in the light of recent criticisms on the cushouse methods now employed by the United States to recall the opinion of a distinguished Englishman. who visited America about sixty years ago, as he expressed it at that time regarding the same subject. It was Charles Dickens who said: "In all the public establishments of America, the utmost courtesy prevails. Most of speci, but the custom house above all others would do well to take example from the United States, and render sive to foreigners. The service rapact ity of the French officials is sufficiently contemptible; but there is a surly, beerish incivility about our men, alike disgusting to all persons who fall into their hands, and discreditable to the nation that keeps such ill-conditioned curs snarling about its gates."

When I landed in America I could not help being strongly impressed with the contrast their custom house presented, and with the attentive politeness and good humor with which its

officers discharge their duty." All this seems a little amusing in contrast with the complaints which are heard today from our own people. It was only last week that General Fred Grant mildly expressed his surprise at the treatment he received in the New York custom house. He had and in evidence of good will, this time declared a quantity of dutiable arti- share the hope of Sir Thomas Lipton cles without reservation, but the officials were not satisfied with that but made him suffer the indignity of tumbling his effects over in a most disrespectful fashion, to their injury and soil. General Grant expressed no anger, neither did he complain, but merely remarked that not in all Europe had such investigation of his baggage been thought necessary.

Not long ago, the charge was made that ladies returning from Europe were treated in an offensive manner by the women inspectors of the New York custom house, and an official spurned the insinuation with haughty scorn, "because," said he, "the government employs only well-bred Indies in Its service." Thus it must be seen that a certain matron in the immigration bureau is a real lady, for she admitted it herself. It was in this wise. Her decision regarding the admission of certain immigrants had been reversed by the inspector. you mean to call me a liar?" she asked with violent emphasis. "I'll show you I'm a lady, and I won't stand anything like that," and she promotly boxed the inspector's ears in President Harriso " administration .. 519,707,726 | A Birthday-August Twentieth. 1901.

the should be

a way that caused him to see whole constellations.

It is rather evident that something remains to be desired in the customs and immigration service, and that a half century hasn't improved our monners to the degree which might be expected.

Tillman's characterization of the American people as "76,000,000 floaters down stream, with the devil at the helm," was doubtless meant for pitchfork wit but it is more like insult.

Improving the Apple Tree.

THE ASSERTION-pehaps we should say the demonstration-that a variety of apple has been bret in Illinois which, with ordinary care, will "keep" for one year without rotting or shriveling, is of more importance than appears at first thought.

In 1900 the apple crop of the United States amounted in value to \$430,000, 000, or nearly \$125,000,000 more than the value of the wheat crop in that year. For a number of years Uncle Sam's apples have been as valuable as his wheat. But most of these apples are short-lived and have to be used in a few weeks after they come from the trees. Our exports of apples average about 4,000,000 barrels a year, hardly one-fiftieth of the total crop. These exported apples are in great demand in Europe, and five times as many could be sold over there at good prices if the American people had them to sell, and especially if they had them in varieties that would stand packing, shipment and prolonged stor

age without much deterioration. From specimens examined, this new llimois breed of apples seems to fulfill this requirement admirably. Apples picked last September, put in barrels and stored in the temperature of an ordinary cellar are now as round firm and glosey as when they were or the tree. They appear to be in fit condition to last another year if necessary. If horticulture can effect such results with one variety of apple, it is reasonable to believe that others may be similarly affected. That will mean millions of dollars' increase in our export apple trade, to say nothing of the gain to home consumers.

The presence of Senator Tillman in Pennsylvania in the guise of a reformer caps the climax of hypocritical audacity.

Intolerable,

N THE telegraphic dispatches of yesterday the public is informed that "all night long," on Wednesday, "several hundred strikstood guard around the United States tin plate plant at Demler to thwart a reported attempt to bring in non-union men." Similar information comes from other places.

These sentinel strikers had quitted work in these mills. They did this of their own accord, breaking a conance as to hours or wages. Most of them had been earning as good pay as they had ever received. None, so far as we know, had complained of ill-treatment. Their right under the law to quit work is inviolable. Had quit without breaking a contrac none could have criticized their quit-

ting, save possibly as to its wisdom. But having quit, there is no law, either statutory or moral, which gives them the right to assemble in great numbers around the approaches to the mills for the purpose of interfering with other workingmen who prefe employment to idleness. Assuming that as individuals they do not know this, the leadership which assigns them to such a task is seditious in its ten dencies and cannot be sanctioned by public opinion without directly encouraging lawlessness and the forcible suspension of constitutional guar

antees. If the contrary were to appear: that is to say, if the steel trust were to kidnap them and force them to work in the mills against their will and under a guard which made difficult their escape, they would be justified in calling it a form of slavery and in moving heaven and earth for adequate redress. Yet it is slavery in spirit and tyranny in effect that they would impose upon men of their own craft for differing from themselves in the

A state of things like this, existing in a free country, is a menace to freedom. When men who have left certain employment are permitted to say that the places they have voluntarily abandoned shall not be filled; when they are permitted to form in line like armies and to besiege the industrial plants that they have walked out of, the condition is not one of peace and good order, but one resembling war and needing but the spark of accident or impetuosity to become war in grim

reality. a condition is unAmerican and intolerable and those fomenting it must feel the weight of public dis-

Many Americans, for sake of variety

that Shamrock II may lift the cup. Pensions.

URING the year ended June 30 last, the pension bureau issued 109,668 pension certificates of all classes, 44,225 being for original pension. It closed the year with 493,596 claims pending, a number smaller than for years past. Although it is now thirty-six years, or almost a generation, since the close of the civil war, the annual expenditure for pensions is at its highest point, a fact which does not sustain the charge that the present administration of the pension office is un friendly to deserving claimants. The following table showing the amounts

of money paid to pensioners under dif-
ferent adminstrations is instructive;
President Grant's first term\$116,136,274
Average per year
Provident Grant's second term 114,895,357
Average per year 28,596,839
President Haves' administration 145,822,4802
Average per year
President Garfield's administration 237,825,070
Average per year 80,456,268
President Cleveland's first term 308,636,662
Average per year 76,409,165

exident Claveland's second term 139,457,602 Average per year

There has been criticism of the ad ministration of the pension bureau to the effect that Commissioner Evans as endeavored to keep pensioners down to the very lowest rates allowed by law. This, as his report shows, is not true nor has it been true at any time since the act of June 27, 1890. was passed. Under that act the max imum pension was \$12 per menth, and by far the largest number of invalid pensioners under that act are drawing the highest rate. The following shows the division of the list under the act of June 27, 1830, according to the rates allowed: One hundred and four thousand, eight hundred and thirty-four receive \$6 per month; 138.293 receive \$8 a month: 38,452 receive \$10 a month, and 156,217 receive \$12 a

month. Though much attacked, the presen commissioner is well fortified behind the records and his work commands admiration the more carefully it is examined.

During the trial of a criminal case n Reynolds. Miss., the audience took a hand, fired 100 shots, floored three men and cleared the court room. And yet they say justice is not swift.

In purchasing an American elevator for one of his palaces King Edward gives agreeable testimony to the supremacy of Yankee industry.

As usual, the Pennsylvania Democracy is having trouble with its past

Outline Studies of Human Nature

Outside the Prison Gate. The following is the substance of a true tory recently told by a gentleman who had one of the Prison Commissioners of the

"Some thirty years ago, when I was passng the State Prizon at Wethersfield, I noticed he gate open and a man come out. The tears treamed from his eyes as he stood perplexed. Where now, my friend? I asked cheer-

'I don't know, sir, I don't suppose an wants me anywhere."
'I am walking to Hertford; come with me "It was a warm day in early May. The poor nvict opened his heart to his new acquaintec, and told him what had brought him to c purifertiary. It soon came out that the excit had made shoes in prison. "I think I know a man," said the gentte ian, 'who will hire you in his factory, and it were in your place I would not lisp a word

out having been in prison." risoner, turning away with quivering lips: 'I at say good-by. I cannot longer live and I promised God last night in my cell that on I came out I would be an upright man

'Forgive me for tempting you at the out 'I said. 'Come on.' told him the whole story. He had a little tork with my man incl made a bargain with him That night, just as the shop was about to lose, we three went into the workroom.
"Here is a poor fellow who was discharged rom State's prison this morning," said the pro-

"There were indignant glances among the men and one speke up hastily:

'Yery well,' said the employer. 'Any one the wishes to leave will have a bill of his time n the morning. "Ten years later the 'intl-herd' was the owner that manufactory and the man who would not

ok with him was one of his fournesmen.

t the New England legislatures. He said to the "I tremble when I think what the result might have been had an evil man instead of a

good friend met me outside of the prison door,'

Where He Failed.

The young man drew himself up to his full ardent heart, a versatile mind and strenuus biceps."

The young girl vawned and seemed intersted. He was quick to push his advantage. "I am the possessor of a town and counuse, a vacht, a stable of thoroughbred; and a box at the opera.'
She hesitated, and a slight flush betrayed hat she was listening.

nat she was interning.
"I have got," he continued, with a certain econose, "thirty servants, forty pairs of rousers, fifty ancestors, three automobiles, six rize bull pure and an army commission." the had found her tongue at last.

"And how many golf medals?" she Rsped. The young man shuddered. He felt that he had lost. He had played

Methodical John.

A West Side vomun a few days ago was casting to a caller of the virtues of her Moncolum cook, and she emphasized the latter's externatio methods as his special strong noint. "John finishes his work at precisely the same ninute every evening," said she proudly. "I lways know exactly where he is and what he a doing at any time of the day."

"Well, what is he doing now?" was asked.
"Let me see. It is 7 o'clock. Well, he has u-t finished putting the dishes away, and at his moment is sweeping the kitchen. Come et's go and see if I am not right."

They started torough the dining room, and found everything in its place. As prophesied. In the pantry the dishes were neatly arranged their customary place. Then they opened There in the center of the room was John nd he was complarently washing his feet in he dahpan!-Milwaukee Sentinel.

Dr. Parkhurst's Pleasant Diversion. One of the first decreations that great the Dr. Parkhurst's home is a mammoth tiger rug, spread acress the floor, its victous head, acrage eges and cruck teeth eleverly mounted by one the must have been an expert taxidermist, reates the New York Times. Said a facetion

"I should think you, of all men, would be he last to keep the emblem of Tamenius Hall o prominently displayed in your home."

In: Purhurst smiled and replied:
"I keep the tiger here to constantly remind so that my enemy is always near. Then again keep the tiger here to walk all over occasion

MY LADY.

White and wide her sweet brow curves 'Neath a shadow soft and deep As a bright bird's wing, that serves In the sky its flight to sweep.

With a smile within their light, hat you'd trust the whole world through Leading into noon or night.

Tender heart she bears slways, Whether woes are yours or mine, Or the sad world's—(brighter day Ever is for heart-sunsitine).

You will know her when you meet. Whitest brow and truest eyes. Tend'rest heart—Ah life is sweet. Since across it her way lies!

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2 Always Busy Events First-Our Fall styles of Celebrated Korrect Shoes at \$4.00. They are

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