



This is the season for good resolutions. Let the kicker resolve to sin no more forever.

A good many professed Republicans will have ample leisure for repentance during the coming year. "A penny for their thoughts."

Congress, now adjourned for the holidays, will assemble again on January 5th, when it is to be hoped the real business of the session will be taken up.

MR. BLAINE lost New York by a scratch, and careful analysis shows the Independent vote to have been between 75,000 and 100,000, in a total poll of 1,167,000. Who's to blame?

An attempt was made on Friday last to blow up the building of the New York Bible and Tract Society, with an "infernal machine." The object of the murderous attempt cannot be conjectured.

EVERY day brings fresh reports of the closing of industrial establishments throughout the country. The principal cause of this is lack of confidence in the tariff views of the incoming Administration.

CLEVELAND having refused gifts of pups, boots, &c., and having returned to the donor a keg of rum with a gold faucet in it, the faithful are beginning to express doubts about his being a genuine Democrat.

THAT there is an irrepressible conflict in the Democratic party on the question of protection, is evidenced by the bitterness with which the Louisville Courier-Journal denounces Randall and his tariff views.

This is the time to form good resolutions, and turn over a fresh leaf; but be sure to keep your resolutions and see that your fresh leaf is not soiled. The infernal regions are said to be paved with good intentions.

BEVERLY LOCKWOOD has been heard from again. She has resumed operations on crazy quilts, and it is not probable that she will ever leave such congenial employment to mix up in another political campaign.

The United States is now the foremost manufacturing Nation of the world. It is also in the lead as a producer from the soil. Protection to American labor has accomplished this, and tree trade will only bring disaster and ruin.

The old Independence bell is to be taken down from the State House in Philadelphia, and sent for exhibition at the Exposition in New Orleans. Its proclamation of liberty throughout the land, has never penetrated so far South.

The President has re-appointed and the Senate confirmed, Colonel W. A. Stone, of Pittsburgh, U. S. Attorney for the Western District of this State. This will be pleasant news to the many friends of the Colonel among the readers of this journal.

The most amusing thing of the season is the disposition shown by Democratic leaders and editors, to boss the job for Cleveland. Meanwhile the gay old bachelor keeps his mouth tightly closed, and a suspicion begins to haunt the would-be managers, that they have won an elephant in the raffle.

In the U. S. Senate last week, the bill providing for a commission to examine into the liquor traffic, was passed by a vote of 24 yeas to 16 nays. The Republicans voting for and the Democrats against the bill. The St. John men, who helped to defeat the Republicans at the late election, can now stand up to receive congratulations.

The Democratic journals are settling down to the belief that Senator Bayard of Delaware, William C. Whitney of New York and Senator Garland of Arkansas, are slated for places in the cabinet of Mr. Cleveland. But the President elect has closed his mouth with a snap, and—"There is many a slip, betwixt the cup and the lip."

The Legislature of Illinois is a tie on joint ballot, but the illness of a Democratic member promises to give the Republicans a majority of one for the election of a U. S. Senator. The sick man may recover however, before the Legislature meets and then a deadlock may prevent the election of a Senator during the session. On so slim a thread as the death or recovery of a sick man, does the fate of Senatorial candidates hang.

The Legislature meets on Tuesday of next week (6th inst.). The session will probably last its full limit, 150 days, as there is much business of importance to be transacted, the chief of which, is the election of a U. S. Senator, and the re-districting of the State for members of Congress and of the Legislature. A strong movement will also be made by the Granger element, to have the tax laws revised for their benefit. The mining interests want additional legislation, and an attempt will be made to overhaul the entire revenue system of the State. These measures, together with the framing and passage of the general appropriation bill, will necessarily consume much time, and the session is therefore likely to be a protracted one.

The most reasonable reading for the average Democrat, is the list of Federal office-holders with salaries attached, which is being published in a number of the leading journals of the country. The happy dream that follow, are sometimes disturbed however, by the ghost of "civil service reform" that will arise unbidden, to disturb sweet visions of the near future.

The New Year comes on with a sorry outlook for men who eat their bread in the sweat of their brows. Thousands are out of employment and other thousands are working for reduced wages. Mills and factories are daily closing, and there is nothing but gloom and suffering in prospect for the balance of the winter. Let all who have means, remember that it is more blessed to give than to receive.

MR. CLEVELAND accounts for the visit of so many prominent Democrats to Albany, by declaring he feels the need of extending his acquaintance among his party friends between this and his inauguration. What a travesty on public intelligence, to think of a President of the United States being unknown to the men who stood sponsors for his election to discharge properly, the duties of the great office entrusted to him!

The military authorities of this State expect to have not less than eight thousand of our National Guard in line at the inauguration of President Cleveland. When attending the inauguration of President Garfield our guardsmen were vastly complimented by military men from all parts of the country, and they are now earnestly engaged in so perfecting their organization as to win fresh plaudits from the immense crowds that will be in Washington at that time.

MR. CONVERSE, of Ohio, writes to the Protectionist and editors to prove that the Democratic party is a party of protection. But, unfortunately for Mr. Converse, the Democratic party says it isn't. It ought to know.

A Wealthy Beggar. COLUMBUS, O., December 26.—The police authorities to-day received information from Delaware, this State to the effect that a man by the name of John Swin had been found near that place in the woods nearly frozen to death. On searching his person the Marshal found \$2,138.65, besides several tax receipts calling for seventy two acres of land in this county as well as notes for various sums of money. The Marshal has deposited the effects in the Delaware Bank for safe keeping until he can dispose of the old man in a proper manner. He fears to release his charge as he is in no condition to take care of himself, and would without doubt have been robbed and murdered for his money. The Delaware authorities are anxious to be rid of the charge, as he is a terribly filthy man and covered with vermin. He has scarcely enough clothing on to cover his nakedness. Swin is an old beggar and a miser of the most pronounced type, never buying food nor clothes. He is anxious to reach this city and pay his taxes, after which he will seek admission to the county infirmary. The authorities here say that Swin has no home in this county although he owns large tracts of land in this and surrounding counties valued at about \$250,000.

Bad Wreck Caused by an Open Switch. DAWSON, December 27.—A collision between two freight trains on the B. & O. railroad at Hickman last night wrecked six freight cars, three of which were loaded with general merchandise, one with lumber and two with coke. The locomotive of one of the trains was completely wrecked and the other badly damaged. One of the firemen was slightly injured in jumping from his engine, but fortunately and miraculously no other injuries happened to any of the train men. The switches on a cross-over from west to east-bound track were open and No. 66, the west-bound train, ran into the train going east. The misplacement of the switches is blamed on the tramps who were seen around during the night. A thorough investigation will be made by the company to ferret out the cause of the accident, as the wreck will cost them a large sum of money.

Two Men Burned in an Elevator. DALLAS, TEX., Dec. 26.—Shortly before noon fire was discovered in the elevator of Rainwater & Stevens, the entire fire department was called out, but was unable to save the building from complete destruction. Mr. Rainwater upon hearing the alarm, arose from his sick bed and rushing frantically to the scene offered a reward of \$2,000 for the rescuer of two men trapped in the upper story of the elevator. The firemen hesitated to ascend the ladders, as it was not supposed anyone was in the building, until a hat was thrown from a window, accompanied by a sickening cry of horror and despair from the two unfortunate men imprisoned in the burning structure. Firemen immediately ascended the ladders, but were driven back by the sea of flame that enveloped the entire structure. Lost on elevator and contents, over \$60,000; insurance \$35,000.

Crushed to Death by Stolen Corn. RALEIGH, December 26.—Peter Jones, colored, age fifteen, on Wednesday, in Davies County, had been stealing corn from the crib of Ephraim Gaither. He had carried off one sack full and had by some means hoisted the sack across the limbs of a tree about eight feet from the ground and left it there to prevent it from being found in his absence. He stole another sack and went to the tree and attempted to take down the other sack when it fell on him. When found he was dead with his hands folded across his breast and his legs as straight as if laid out, with the sack of corn lying on him.

Gen. Sheridan Ill. WASHINGTON, Dec. 26.—Lieutenant General Sheridan is confined to his home by illness, which, though serious is said not to be dangerous. He is suffering from derangement of the stomach and his physician has ordered him to remain at home and rest.

THE PART OF THE AGED MOTHER AND THE STRINGS CONNECTION FROM DAUGHTER AND HUSBAND.

DAYTON, O., December 24.—The operations of bands of masked burglars in Eastern Ohio and West Virginia during the past two or three weeks are without precedent in this section of the country. The outrage committed on Monday night on Elijah Marling, near Wheeling, was followed twenty-four hours afterward by a somewhat similar crime at the residence of Harvey Jackson, an aged farmer, who lives with his wife and daughter near the little village of Bloomington, in this county.

Last night, between 10 and 11 o'clock six masked men entered Jackson's house and demanded some money that he was known to have secured about the premises. The old farmer, who is a man of great strength of will, demurred, and had just made an attempt to call for help, when the most horrible tortures for himself and the two women unless he divulged the hiding place of his treasure. They spent some little time in endeavoring to frighten him into compliance, but his only response was a negative shake of the head.

TORTURING THE WOMEN. The burglars at last seized Mrs. Jackson, who is quite decrepit from age, and bound her with ropes, and her daughter in the same way, first removing the bandages from Mrs. Jackson's eyes so that he might witness the sufferings of the females. The latter were plied with questions and menaces to force them to the disclosure they had vainly attempted to extort from him, but encountered by her example, they remained heroically stubborn and silent. Finally the old lady was stripped of her underclothing, placed in the center of the room and a two-gallon can of kerosene emptied over her.

One of the robbers then approached her and held a lighted brand, and gave her just six seconds in which to reveal the hiding-place of the money before the torch was applied to her. Her courage might have sustained her through such a dreadful ordeal, but her husband and daughter gave way before the idea of seeing her created limbs hastened to confess that \$175 in gold and \$100 in currency were secured in an adjacent apartment. The burglars hastily broke open the trunk in which it was hidden and left the house.

ALMOST PERISHING IN THE COLD. The three inmates of the house were left bound on the floor. The night was bitterly cold, the masked robbers had left the doors open and the cutting wind blew through. Until 4 o'clock this morning the victims struggled with the cold, but their flesh almost to the bone. Then the daughter freed herself and released the others. All three suffered agonies from the cold and their hands, and were barely able to move about when they regained their feet.

They quickly gave the alarm, but no clue could be obtained to the criminals. When the masked men quitted the house they took from the stable a horse and spring wagon with which they made their escape. There can be no doubt that they were acquainted with the fact that Mr. Jackson had some money about the premises. While they were harnessing the horse, one of the men whom the leader called "Nogger" was left to guard the family, and when the leader came to summon him he suggested that they pour coal oil on his head and set it on fire, but the leader objected, saying they would kill any of the family who should attempt to give the alarm before they got away.

WAITING FOR HIGHER PRICES. MINNEAPOLIS, MINN., Dec. 24.—The extremely low price of wheat has caused a falling off in the receipts of the northwest of fully 80 per cent compared with fifteen days ago. The Minneapolis millers are securing less than 40,000 per day, and the Millers' Association on Monday raised prices in the country two cents, and yesterday another advance of two cents was added. It is rumored an apparently good authority that the big millers have quietly got hold of nearly all the good hard wheat in Dakota and the Red River Valley, and are holding it until spring.

AN INSANE SON'S TERRIBLE DEED. PITTSBURG, PA., Dec. 24.—An old lady named Barth, living in Allegheny, was attacked this morning by her son, William, who beat her head and face into an unrecognizable mass, and fractured her skull with a poker. The young man has been insane for years, but was never considered dangerous. After a desperate struggle with the officers he was overpowered and sent to jail to await the result of his mother's injuries. The old lady is still living, but her recovery is doubtful.

BLOODY RIOT IN TENNESSEE. CHATTANOOGA, Dec. 20.—A terrible riot occurred last night at Chattanooga, 40 miles from Chattanooga. At a school entertainment a crowd of drunken roughs attempted to break it up. In the efforts to eject the intruders a pitched battle ensued, during which three men were shot. No less than ten were stabbed, and a great number were badly beaten. Great excitement still prevails. Further trouble is feared.

Prof. Barrett, of St. Lawrence county, N. Y., speaking of pulmonary disease, says: "No one death occurs now where twenty died before Down's Elixir was known. Over fifty years of constant success pieces Down's Elixir at the head of the long list of cough remedies. For sale by C. N. Boyd."

A Railroad Ticket Agent Decamps With \$10,000. PITTSBURG, Dec. 25.—The Chron. (Pittsburgh) of the 25th inst. says: "A ticket agent named John Collins, ticket agent of the Pennsylvania Railroad at Cadiz Junction, disappeared with \$10,000 borrowed from friends and belonging to the company."

THE REASON WHY AMERICA'S OIL LINDIMENT IS SO POPULAR WITH THE LADIES IS BECAUSE IT NOT ONLY IS VERY HEALING AND SOOTHING, BUT ITS ODOR IS NOT AT ALL OFFENSIVE. FOR SALE BY C. N. BOYD.

DROWNED IN SIGHT OF HUNDREDS. Festive Cowboys.

WEST POINT, GA., Dec. 25.—Forest McNeil, the aeronaut, was drowned in the Chattahoochee River here to-day. Between 2 and 3 o'clock he arose in the balloon almost perfectly circularly, until lost to view for about twenty minutes. It was soon seen again descending rapidly and bearing toward the river, into which it fell.

Instantly the crowd, numbering over a thousand men, ran to the point to which it appeared to be drifting, but before they could reach the spot the balloon was floating down to the foot-bridge and McNeil was seen struggling in the water. Twice he was seen to rise, but as no boat had been provided for this contingency, the people who thronged the bank were powerless to aid him. His body was recovered in about half an hour, and Dr. Willis Griggs applied the battery and all known means of resuscitation, but to no purpose. A portion of a letter written to the young man by his old mother, who resides in Mobile, Ala., was found on his person, in which she said: "I pray God every night on my knees that he will bring you to the feet of Jesus. Remember, my son, always to keep my card about you with my name and address, so, if any accident should befall you, persons will know where to send your body." His brothers were telegraphed, and his remains will be forwarded to Mobile for interment.

FISHER'S BURNING WELL. KANSAS CITY, December 25.—Fisher Bros.' burning oil well at Thorn Creek is now a singular spectacle. Through an ingenious arrangement a portion of the fountain of oil was to-day conducted into tanks located about 600 feet from the well. It is a most remarkable sight, one half the oil rushing into the tanks and the remainder creating great billows of flames. A gauge at the tanks shows that 105 barrels are being stored every hour. It is estimated that the flames consume 120 barrels an hour, making the daily output over 5,000 barrels. As the well caught fire on the 19th, the Fisher Bros. have lost about 30,000 barrels of oil. Orders have been sent to Oil City for a peculiar piece of casting, wedge shaped and containing several holes one inch in diameter. On one end will be fitted a cap, and with this they hope entirely to control the well.

Oil Explosion and Fire. ELMIRA, N. Y., Dec. 26.—One of the 30,000 barrel oil tanks situated at West Junction, five miles from Elmira, exploded this morning. Both tanks were soon in seething flames. The shock was felt in Elmira, in many cases knocking fishes from the shelves and breaking windows. No one was hurt seriously, although houses near the tanks were badly damaged. The loss will not fall short of \$100,000.

Mr. C. N. Boyd, the Druggist, who is always looking after the interest of his customers, has now secured the sale of Dr. Bosanko's Cough and Lung Syrup, a remedy that never fails to cure Coughs, Colds, Pains in the Chest and all Lung Affections. Price 50 cents and \$1.00. Samples free.

A \$200,000 Fire in Minneapolis. MINNEAPOLIS, Dec. 26.—The five-story building, formerly known as the Academy of Music, but lately occupied as a store and office building, was gutted by fire yesterday afternoon. The total loss will reach \$200,000, with an insurance of \$150,000.

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