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The last \$500 bond of the loan made by this State in 1877 was paid at the State Treasury at Harrisburg on Wednesday of last week.

One of the most notable events of the new year was the retirement of Tammany from the control of the city of New York, and of the Democracy from the control of the Empire State.

The paper money of the United States has answered every purpose for more than a quarter of a century, and is as good as gold and silver today. Is there any probability that Cleveland and Carlisle can make it any better by mixing it up with a wild-cat currency?

It is alleged that the recent cold snap has cost the State of Florida not less than \$100,000,000 by the loss of the oranges and other fruit crops. The oranges were not only frozen on the trees, but it is found the trees are killed, which will entail a further heavy loss extending over a series of years.

There is not going to be any squabbling or wrangling between Democratic factions in the Michigan Legislature. There will be nothing but harmony in the party caucus; in fact it will be "a unit" on all proposed legislation, for the simple reason that a certain Mr. Donovan combines within himself the entire Democratic delegation in the law-making branch of the State government.

In Colorado the Constitution secures to women the right of suffrage and the consequent right to hold office. In the present Legislature there are three female members of the House, all of whom are married. Of course the scribbles are poking fun at them and making jokes at their expense, but just wait until the debates commence and see if the lady members do not make some of their opponents tremble.

The last official message of Governor Pattison was laid before the Legislature on Tuesday last. It is a plain, practical document, containing some very good suggestions, necessary to the orderly and efficient running of the State.

There is an odd case coming up to the Supreme Court of the United States from the State of New Jersey. One Theodore Lambert was convicted of murder in New Jersey and sentenced to be hanged on the 18th of last month. The Governor having reprieved him until the 31st of this month, it is now claimed by Lambert's attorney that the reprieve was in violation of the State Constitution, and that in the eye of the law he is legally dead, and his execution now would be illegal.

The following stubborn facts regarding labor strikes in this State are gleaned from Governor Pattison's last message and convey a somewhat careful consideration by every intelligent wage-earner in the country: Of fifty-seven strikes of organized labor during the year 1895 the loss to the workmen was \$1,255,427.75, while the actual loss to the employers is estimated at \$12,750. Another feature of the many strikes is the very destructive. The serious strikes of 1894 were caused, he says, by "a population alien to our laws and language" and resulted in the loss of both life and property. Another lesson worthy of sober consideration is given in the single statement that of the 27 labor strikes occurring during the year 1894 only three succeeded in obtaining the purpose for which the strike was inaugurated. Facts are stubborn things when marshalled against theories.

Senator David R. Hill, died at the White House, last week, and now the Scribner and Parkers are torn with anxiety to know "what is up" and what brought this pair of distinguished New Yorkers together. Their partners, who presumably know what manner of men they are, think there is "a deal up" and are watching with eagerness for developments.

It will strike the ordinary man as somewhat strange that these two distinguished and brilliant statesmen who for some time past have been occasionally peering at each other with knives in their boots, should suddenly lay aside their weapons and fast together. But as they both have been lately kicked and cuffed and crushed by the same tyrant, it is not surprising that they should be reconciled and fast together. The fact that they are both now fast together is not surprising, but it is somewhat strange that these two distinguished and brilliant statesmen who for some time past have been occasionally peering at each other with knives in their boots, should suddenly lay aside their weapons and fast together.

It is announced on all hands that this session of the State Legislature is to be a short one, and we fail to see it, if present indications count. Both branches met on the 1st inst. and after the first day's session the House adjourned for eight days, and the Senate, after a two-days' session, adjourned for seven days. On Tuesday of next week comes all the pomp and circumstance of the Governor's inauguration, which must necessarily be followed by "a rest." It will therefore be the 21st of January before both houses settle down to work.

Independent of the appointment of the State into Congressional, Senatorial and Legislative districts, which is a tedious matter where so many conflicting interests have to be reconciled and adjusted, there is much legislation, particularly regarding taxation, to be formulated, and there is also a proposed revision of many old laws, to which is to be added the usual amount of local legislation demanded and struggled for by municipalities, corporations and individuals. We "enter for doubts," therefore, as to the prophetic shortness of the session, but there will be general complaint regarding its length if members will only address themselves to their duties and give the people well considered legislation that will benefit the Commonwealth and all the citizens thereof.

Uncle Sam Enrolled.

From the Philadelphia Record.

The country has been hearing a good deal for several years past of the "Uncle Sam" and the "United States" and the consequent restriction of trade. We have been told over and over by the Democratic and the Democratic platform that "if the United States" and "the world would be open to us." Just let the Democrats have the chance," was the promise upon a thousand stamps and in the political mud-slinging "and they will show you what is what."

Well, they have shown us. They have broken down some of the barriers. They have succeeded in opening up the markets for foreign manufacturers at the expense of the domestic mills, but what have they done to give us foreign markets in return? Why, they have driven our great and rapidly-growing trade of iron and steel, machinery, agricultural implements and other exports to France and Austria and Germany, and now Belgium joins the combination against "Uncle Sam" and bars out live cattle and live hogs from the United States. In other words, we presume, of opening up the markets of the world.

One of the wisest pieces of tariff legislation ever adopted by the United States was the McKinley bill. What did it do? It didn't throw down the protection fence and give notice to the foreign producer that he could come in and compete with our own. No, it simply raised a tariff on all foreign goods. It brought in free duty certain products not grown or made in America, and it required free entrance for certain of our goods into the same. The latter was the main feature of the bill. We opened up a large trade with Brazil and other South American countries. We sent thousands of barrels of flour to Cuba. Our steel and machinery went to France, Austria, Belgium and the Netherlands. The Democrats in their wisdom smugged the reciprocity treaties. Our four trade with Cuba is almost ruined. We can still send a few cattle to England, but all other Continental Europe has shut its gates against them, and here we are, our mills still running at reduced wages, our markets flooded with foreign goods and the barriers raised against us almost everywhere.

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An Act of Heroism. MORRISTOWN, Jan. 4.—An act of heroism against an alien was performed by Harry Brault, of Pittsburgh. He and another young man, John Jamison, were working for the St. Anthony lumber company in the Morris town. Jamison, an employee of an alien, became violently insane or delirious.

He told Brault, in a loud voice, that he was going home. Brault decided to accompany him. The sick man being hardly able to walk, Brault carried him on his back and went with him to the railroad. During the tramp Jamison had to be put down and, and during one of his fits, he tried to strangle Brault, putting a revolver bullet through his clothing. Without a minute's sleep Brault resumed his journey, carrying his sick companion and also a pack of supplies. It took him five days of hard traveling through the cold and deep snow to reach the railway.

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Winter's Weather for the New Year.

Times may be good or bad, but the business and mercantile world is little affected. He goes on watching the sun, moon, stars, barometer and thermometer and calculates accordingly. Little does he care what comes of his work so long as the weather is such that he is going to work for the new year by heading a storm and we have little doubt but that it will show up as he says.

My last bulletin gave forecasts of the storm wave to cross the continent from the 27th to 31st, and the next will reach the Pacific coast about the 7th, crossing the western coast of the States about the 10th and the eastern states about the 12th.

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Senatorial Nominations and Probable Nominations.

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