

MR. BRYAN seems to overlook the fact that the people of this country have once repudiated both him and his theories.

MADISON is out of the race, and the home State of Abraham Lincoln promises to elect a worthy member to the United States Senate.

THE X-ray located a pin in a hospital last week. It can also find collar buttons. Truly, it becomes easier to be a brother every day he lives.

IT is announced that ex-Governor Altgeld has decided to settle down and endeavor to make some money. Up to date no objection to this has been heard.

THE Republicans can not be expected to restore the prosperity of the country before they take charge of the machinery by which that result is to be produced.

JOHN SHERMAN made the greatest Secretary of the Treasury since Hamilton. He will make one of the greatest Secretaries of State in the country's history.

ABOUT \$90,000 a day has been the Treasury deficit for a large part of the month so far, and it is plain that the country needs a new administration as soon as possible.

THE best thing about Spain's remaining resources in Cuba is that she can call in the United States to ascertain how much the insurgents are willing to pay for their national liberty.

OF 25,000 applications for patents in England last year more than one-third were for improvements in bicycles. In the meantime, when a smart Englishman wants a wheel, he orders it from America.

MR. BRYAN'S notice to the gold Democrats that they can return to the party only by absolute surrender sounds like Grant until it is remembered that Grant never talked that way in connection with a big defeat.

FROM one hundred and seventeen millions of dollars in the gold reserve of the National Treasury, and bankers refusing to pay gold over their counters and immediately preceding election day, the reserve has grown to one hundred and thirty-eight millions, and gold comes over the bank counters as freely as any other kind of money.

EFFORTS are to be made during the winter in both New York and New Jersey to have biennial sessions of the Legislature. If these sessions succeed and the people ratify them at the polls, there will then be only four States in the Union having annual legislative sessions. Thirty-nine of the forty-five States now have biennial sessions.

A DOLLAR a plate for asparagus is pretty cheap as an article of food, but the charge is made that members of the Lexow investigating committee paid that price at the Philadelphia hotel at which they stopped. That asparagus rarely so beautifully described by seed men in their catalogues. But then, the State pays for it.

THE French artist who has just finished a portrait of Major McKinley was particularly struck with the simplicity of the President's dress. It was also noticed that the Major who sat for him was a man of great force of character, a man in whom the people of this country can safely trust. These qualities will make him one of the best presidents this country has ever had.

THE Cameron men in the ascending Pennsylvania politics for several years ago. Their reign began in 1843 when Simon Cameron was elected to the United States Senate. He figured in seven contests for a senatorial seat, and was successful in four of them. J. Donald Cameron, who, on March 4 will be succeeded by Penrose, figured in four senatorial contests prior to this year, and was successful in all of them.

IN THE Babylonian city of eight or ten thousand years ago, which American excavators have been bringing to light, was found a great altar, near which stood two huge vases and the foundation of a square tower, all evidently connected with some ancient form of worship. It is a great triumph for the scientific community to have discovered that man was a builder of religious temples several thousand years earlier than the date hitherto set for the beginnings of history.

THIS time is approaching when the "blind man" on the farm will be succeeded by the machinist. On one German farm an assistant looks after the dynamo which lights the barns, yards and dwellings, and furnishes a current of low tension to work pumps, run straw-cutting, lathe, grinders, saws and thrasher. Should the agriculturalist desire to go into some light form of manufacturing, he has the power at hand. If the tillers of the soil are soon to be rural electricians and skillful mechanics, there will be little difficulty in keeping the boys on the farm.

LEUTENANT Governor Lyon is preparing an anti-high hat and bonnet bill, to be presented to the Legislature, says the Harrisburg Telegraph. It is supposed that Mr. Lyon has had occasion to go out between now and walk up and down the corridor to cool off after sitting behind one of these monstrosities at the theater. Let the bill pass if woman can not practice common sense and remove her hat in the theater. The time for cheating a man out of the price of admission by depriving him of a sight of the stage has gone by, and man will be emancipated.

THE caucus of the Republican members of the New York Legislature nominated Mr. Thomas C. Platt for United States Senator to succeed Senator Hill. This had for some time been a foregone conclusion, as the fight in behalf of Joseph Choate was not taken seriously, outside of a handful of his intimates and admirers. In fact, when it came to the caucus Mr. Choate received but seven votes, while 142 were cast for Mr. Platt. It is just sixteen years since Mr. Platt was elected to the Senate, but his term then was a short one, as he followed where Mr. Conkling led, and resigned his seat. Times have changed since then, and for many years Mr. Platt has been a leader in New York politics. A leader who has probably been more roughly abused than any other man in the country.

UNQUESTIONABLY, the indebtedness of the Pacific railroad to the government, amounting, as it does, to hundreds of millions of dollars, ought to be settled, but it seems almost impossible to get a plan through Congress that will satisfy the interests of justice. In any event, however, it is plain that the Government has no right to demand of the Pacific Railroad the money, and it is hoped that the action finally agreed upon will not compel the Government to go into the business of running any of the properties. That would be a real disaster.

THE recent visit of Senators Quay and Penrose, President McCullough, of the Senate, and Speaker Boyer, of the House, to President-elect McKinley, at his home in Canton, Ohio, has revived the discussion of the possible selection of a member of the new cabinet from Pennsylvania. In this connection the Philadelphia Times of Monday says editorially:

IT is known that the four prominent Pennsylvania Republican leaders who visited McKinley last week, united in pressing the appointment of Governor Ross as a member of the new cabinet. It would fill the place with credit to himself and to the State. It is not to be expected that any definite decision will be reached for some time by the President on the subject, in view of the many changes which have been, and which may yet be, made in framing his Cabinet. Political necessities may arise before the Cabinet list can be completed necessitating the omission of Pennsylvania.

AS there are forty-five States and only eight Cabinet positions to assign, no one State can make a demand upon a President for a Cabinet officer, and beyond the announcement of Mr. Sherman as Secretary of State, we have reason to believe that no selection has been made for Cabinet honors. The United States Senators from Pennsylvania, being in political accord with the President-elect, are the only members of the Republican Congress, will certainly be much respected in assuming to speak for the State. They are not able to obtain a Cabinet office, but it goes without saying that no Cabinet officer will be appointed from Pennsylvania who does not command their approval. Beyond this we take it that nothing is known definitely about Cabinet honors being awarded to our State.

SENATOR Brown, of Westmoreland county, is preparing a bill, which he will introduce at Harrisburg, regulating primary elections. The proposed law will make it the duty of the officers of the general election to conduct the primary, and they will receive \$1 per day from the county treasury. All boards are made up of Republicans and Democrats, and in this way the Senator believes that an impartial vote will be secured. The election primary the Democrats will be a check on that party and at a Democratic primary the tables will be turned.

A party that can have a primary under Senator Brown's bill must have at least five per cent. of the largest vote cast for state or national officers at the last election. This will bar out every body but the Republicans and Democrats. The bill also forbids the holding of the primaries of two parties on the same day. The party having polled the largest vote at the preceding state election will be entitled to hold the first primaries. The minority party, however, will at least be given a chance to hold its primaries every fifteen days of its regular time for holding the elections.

THE bill has an elector from voting at more than one primary. Now it is a frequent occurrence for some Republicans and Democrats to vote at the primaries of both parties. If a person votes more than once under this measure he is guilty of a misdemeanor and is liable to a fine of \$50 or three months in jail or both for the amount of the fine.

THE meeting between Mr. Cleveland and Major McKinley on the 4th of March will be one of more than ordinary significance, because the developments of the past few weeks have brought them close together in a way that has not been known in many years.

THOMAS C. PLATT nominated for United States Senator. The Hon. Thomas C. Platt has been nominated for United States Senator by the Republicans in the New York Legislature, which is equivalent to an election. There can be nothing but kind words said for the statesman who made such a gallant fight at the St. Louis convention when there was a disposition among some of the trimmers to straddle on silver so as not to offend the Western advocates of free coinage. It was Mr. Platt, aided by Senators Quay and Lodge, who made the contest and won, and he showed superior statesmanship in doing so. In 1881 when Mr. Platt resigned from Congress it was predicted that his political career had closed, and that he would go down like Rosevelt Conkling. Mr. Platt has not only gone up, but in his ascendancy he has kept a firm hold of the Republican reins, and by his persistent work has swung New York in the Republican column for all time. The new Senator has been described as "a busy lion," and he has the faculty of talking and holding friends who are only too glad to add him politically. He will be warmly welcomed in the Senate.

THE Trip to be Inaugurated. President-elect McKinley has made his friends know relative to how he wishes to go to Washington. His mother, wife, brother and sister will accompany him. On account of the age of his mother, Mr. Platt has made an especial request of the Pennsylvania Company that the train bearing the Presidential party to Washington will run on a slow schedule, in order not to have too great a strain on the old lady.

Disseminating Discharges. There are several important rulings on the pension laws in recent decisions of Assistant-Secretary-of-the-Interior Roy-lotides. One is that desertion from the Regular Army, subsequent to the receipt of a pension, does not constitute a bar to the pension, but the discharge from the War of the Rebellion is not a bar to pension under the Act of June 27th. The original holdings of the pension Administration in first construing this act and all subsequent decisions have been overruled.

A Fishish Act. NEW YORK, Jan. 18.—Joseph Bloch, a furrier, was called to the door of his office in a factory in Brooklyn today and struck on the head with a bludgeon. His skull was crushed and death ensued in a short time. There was no spectator to the murder, so far as known. The police have six holes and are not on suspicion.

Deary Brothers Sell Past Horses. A car load (thirteen head) of very good horses was shipped Saturday evening from the Morning-side Stock Farm, in Westmoreland county, to New York, to be sold at public sale. The owners—H. R. Spalding and J. J. Breese—are from Canton, Pa., and probably cost \$3,000. The alternative is that a law be enacted to keep all the criminals convicted of minor offenses in their respective jails.

A Finger For Her Nose.

IT is due to the skillful surgery of Dr. Joseph P. Davis, of Philadelphia, that Mrs. John Edwards, of Chester, has a nose like anybody else. The third finger is missing from Mrs. Edwards' right hand, but it is now a part of her nose, for it was grafted there to form a new nose for her.

Mrs. Edwards was admitted to the Methodist Episcopal hospital late in the afternoon of December 29th. This ailment was carefully treated and checked, but it had led to an unsightly bluish hue where the patient's nose had been. Mrs. Edwards grieved a great deal over the facial disfigurement, and when Dr. Davis suggested a remedy she immediately agreed to undergo the operation by means of which one of her fingers was to be made to take the place of her nose. The patient was etherized and the operation was begun. Dr. Davis cut off the end joint of the third finger of her right hand, and disarticulated the remaining two bones. The hand was held in position over Mrs. Edwards' face, and the boneless flesh was laid over the damaged nose and stitched to the face. Bands of creolinol, spread with plaster of Paris, were wrapped about the patient's body, holding the arm firmly in place. The hand and fingers were protected to prevent maceration of the flesh, and for three weeks Mrs. Edwards remained in that position. Her hand almost entirely covered her face, and it was necessary to fast her by the wrist. The right side of the left corner of her mouth. Occasionally the bandages were removed, but the hand was never allowed to change its position.

The finger was finally grafted to the face. It was then treated with a preparation of cocaine and was severed from the hand. Both wounds were dressed, and the patient was none the worse for the operation. She was discharged on the 10th of January, and the new nose was quite as good as the average person's. The nasal passages, which had not been affected by the cancerous ailment, had been packed with iodoform gauze, and the nostrils were thereby preserved. Mrs. Edwards has left the hospital with a new nose, hardly less perfect in form than her original one.

Proposed Primary Election Law.

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WALTHAM, Pa., Jan. 15.—An old-fashioned tin box, containing the evidences of wealth of Judge James Gardner, deceased, the senior partner in the late banking house of Gardner, Morrow & Co., was opened to-day by order of the Blair county courts. Judge John H. Bailley specially presided. This box had been impounded to pay the claims of the creditors. It contained bonds, notes, mortgages and stocks, worth between \$20,000 and \$25,000, which will be applied, under authority of the court, to the liquidation of the bank's indebtedness. Many curious people came from all the surrounding towns to witness the ceremony of opening the box.

Judge Goff's Patriotism.

RICHMOND, W. Va., Jan. 15.—The mention of Judge Nathan Goff's name for a cabinet position, recalls the patriotic way he wrote when confined in Libby prison. Judge Goff, then a Union soldier, was taken prisoner January 23, 1864, and was confined for four months in Libby. A rebel spy named Arney was likewise captured within the Federal lines, and sentenced to be shot. Goff was held as a hostage for the spy, and was sent to a Federal government prison. Goff was shot if Arney was executed. Goff heard it and wrote these lines to President Lincoln:

"If Arney is guilty he should be executed, regardless of his consequences to me. The life of a single soldier should not stand in the way of adherence to a great principle."

A Thermometer Free. Warner's Safe Case Co., of Rochester, N. Y., are sending out a limited number of accurate spirit thermometers graduated from 20 degrees below zero to 120 degrees above and mounted on heavy brass inch eard boards, in red and green by mail, free to any address on receipt of 2 cents in stamps to pay postage. To be sure, this free distribution is intended to advertise the celebrated Warner's Safe Kidney and Liver Cure (see advertising columns) but nevertheless the thermometer will be found to be a useful as well as ornamental article for the home or office and well worth the little trouble and expense of sending for it.

A Sufferer Cured.

"Every season, from the time I was two years old, I suffered dreadfully from erysipelas, which kept growing worse until my hands were almost useless. The sores softened so that they would heal, and several of my fingers are now crooked from this cause. On my hand I carry large scars, which, but for AYER'S Sarsaparilla, would be worse, provided I was alive and able to carry anything. Eight bottles of Ayer's Sarsaparilla cured me, so that I have had no return of the disease for more than twenty years. The first bottle seemed to reach the spot and a persistent use of it has perfected the cure."—O. C. DAVIS, Wantona, Wis.

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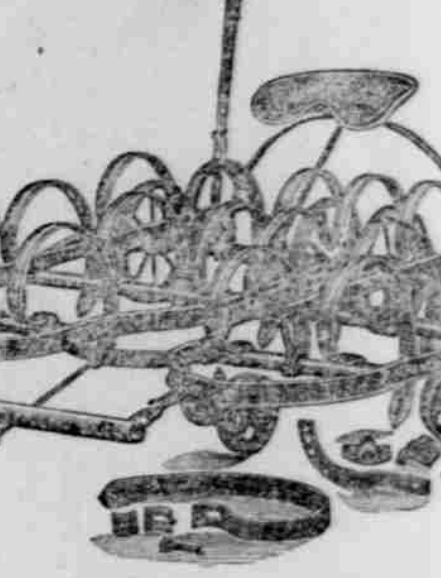
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