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Political Idols Past and Present.

From the Philadelphia Record. Pecksniff thinks the "wealth" of the Republican party in presidential candidates and the "poverty" of the Democratic party in such materials are "strikingly suggestive" of Democratic decadence.

As for the paucity of Democratic candidates, the explanation lies in the fact that the Democracy does not carve a Mercury out of every sort of wood. The idols of the Democracy are extremely few; but the long interval between Jefferson and Jackson is filled with a large list of distinguished Democrats who ably and faithfully served the country.

The votaries of the tariff, on the other hand, are disposed to cut their heroes and demigods out of a very small political pattern, and this is what accounts for the crowd of sweating aspirants for the Republican nomination for president.

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AWFUL HOLOCAUST

Troy Collar Girls Cremated in a Burning Factory.

PROBABLY TWENTY IN THE RUINS

Three Crushed to Shapeless Masses by Jumping from Windows - Wild Panic to Escape from the Flames.

Troy, N. Y., Feb. 15.—There is mourning in the homes of Troy collar girls to-day. An untimely and fearful death overtook many of them late yesterday afternoon. Working girls, whose day's labor was almost over, were cut down almost without warning by fire.

There were 300 girls at work in the Van Zandt & Jacobs collar factory, where the fire started. The flames spread so rapidly that the narrow stairway, which was the only exit outside of the fire escapes in the rear, was almost immediately cut off, and during the panic that followed five girls jumped from the windows, three of them to their death, and many others were injured.

It is believed by everybody, even the proprietors and employes in the shops that about twenty girls were overcome before they reached the street and were burned up in the building. People who are familiar with the interior of the building and know how limited were the means of escape, place the loss at least at thirty. The scene of the catastrophe was at the corner of Broadway and River street, a portion of the city characterized for its immense buildings. The structure is known as the Burdette building. The building is six stories in height. It was occupied by J. Stehliher & Co., manufacturer of ladies shirt waists, whose factory was situated on the fifth floor; Van Zandt & Jacobs, manufacturers of collars and cuffs, who occupied the three floors below.

A Heroine Rescued by Firemen. About 5:30 o'clock a little boy attempted to light the gas in what is known as the cutting department. He threw the match, which was still burning, to the floor and it ignited a pile of scrap cambric. In an instant there was a crackling of fierce uncontrollable flames and the room was filled with smoke. Lillie Kreiger, a girl, realized the imminence of the peril, and at the risk of her own life rushed through the different departments of the building and warned the employes of their danger. Nothing but the bravery of a volunteer fireman save her from death.

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Not Quite That Bad.

"You are charged with vanity. You never do anything but brag," said a New York justice to a shabby-looking prisoner. Tramp—You do me great injustice, your honor! I steal every chance I get, and I gamble, too, occasionally. Judge—I beg your pardon. I had no idea you were so respectable. I hope you will excuse me. I am very sorry. Tramp—Well, you needn't carry the thing too far, judge. I don't claim to be an alderman.—Texas Sittings.

His Reason. Dime Museum Manager (to his lecturer)—Confound it, Windbagger, what possessed you to pick a quarrel with the living skeleton and pound the poor fellow as you did? Lecturer—Well, I'll tell you, colonel; I used to be in the minstrel business, and an uncontrollable impulse came over me to rattle the bones once more.—Harper's Bazar.

Prudence. With these bacilli in a kiss, With caution rare, they say, She kept a spray of mistletoe To shoo the gorms away.—Washington Star.

NEEDED INFORMATION.



Stranger (under the influence).—Say, can you tell me where the sidewalk is? I'm a stranger here.—Ellegende Blaetter.

More Slander. 'Twixt a woman and a folding-bed Resemblance strong we see; When each shuts up—be it softly said—'Tis unexpectedly.—Chicago Record.

He Was Astonished. "You know," said the lady who with sincere ardor desires only the best for the human race, "that a dog will not touch whisky?" Col. Kyahter passed his hand over his brow in a troubled way, and said: "Madam, do you mean to tell me that anybody was evah guilty of such outrageous extravagance as to offah whisky to a dog?"—Washington Star.

In for a Trade. "Can I sell you a vase to-day?" inquired a china merchant at the door of a house where a big row was in progress. "No, you can't," snapped the woman of the house, "unless you want to trade for a family jar four times as big as your vase."—Detroit Free Press.

Not Her Class. Mandy Ann—Say, 'Rastus, de Way-down furniture store is advtishin' mahogany ladies' rockers for \$1.57. Yo' got to git me one. 'Rastus—Git you one nuffin. You ain't no mahogany lady; you's yobny.—Indianapolis Journal.

Heartrending. Rural Clergyman (sympathetically)—Terrible accident, terrible, wasn't it? Six men blown to atoms with nitroglycerine. Undertaker (tearfully)—Heartrending! Not enough left of them for a funeral.—N. Y. Weekly.

Financial Reasons. Wayte—What made you change doctors? I thought Dr. Pellett was your family physician. Brown—So he was; but I never like to owe one doctor more than \$100.—Somerville Journal.

Catfish. Miss Passee—Dear me! One cannot cross the street without a lot of horrid men staring at one. Maud Ethel—They don't look more than one, do they, dear?—Cincinnati Enquirer.

No Slight-of-Hand, Either. Little Johnnie—Isn't this a funny horn, pa? Brown—Yes, my boy; and if you don't stop making that large noise you will come out of the small end of it.—Judge.

A Prudent Acceptance. She—I hope you can come next Thursday. We're having some music and a supper after. He—Oh, yes, I'll come, but—er—I may be late.—Sketch.

No Change. Chatterly—Now, if you'll take a fool's advice. Barker—What good will that do—haven't I been following my own?—Truth.

A Distinction, at Least. "He was under the influence when he did it." "Of drink?" "No; of his wife."—N. Y. World.

Frankness Itself. Laura—I heard some awful things about you to-day. "Who's been telling lies about me?" "No one."—Town Topics.

He Understood Her. Mrs. Gossipy—About such things as these, John, the less said the better. Gossipy (with resignation)—Tell me the whole story then, dear.—Truth.

A Winter Girl. George—I notice you always take Miss Plump when you go sleighing. Jack—She can drive.—N. Y. Weekly.

DANGEROUS SUBJECT

House of Commons Drops Discussion of Venezuelan Matter.

ARBITRATION GENERALLY FAVORED

Appeals of Government Leaders for Silence Finally Prevail—Michael Davitt Severely Attacks the Prime Minister.

London, Feb. 18.—Discussing the Venezuelan matter in the house of commons, Mr. Atherley-Jones declared that Great Britain had seven times changed the boundary between British Guiana and Venezuela, and asked how it could be claimed that the territory in dispute could be outside the pale of arbitration. He reviewed the question in all its respects since 1814. The Rt. Hon. A. J. Balfour, first lord of the treasury and government leader in the house, interposed and appealed to the house on his responsibility as a minister of the crown not to continue the debate. He declared that he was of the opinion that the continuation of the debate would not serve the purpose Mr. Atherley-Jones had in view as it would not make an honorable solution of the difficulty easier. He therefore hoped that the house, realizing how grave the issues were that were at stake, would not further discuss on this occasion the policy that had been pursued or would be pursued.

Dillon Attacks Salisbury. Mr. Dillon, anti-Parnellite, member for East Mayo, followed Mr. Balfour. He said he trusted that no appeal from the government would induce the mover of the amendment to withdraw his motion. The American people, he added, ought to have some indication of the intensity of the feeling existing in the house of commons against the mere suggestion of a war with the United States. The action of the American government had been most patient and forbearing, and it ought to be made known to the Americans that Lord Salisbury's dispatch to Secretary Olney did not represent the feeling of the people of this country. He was glad to note the recent improved tone of public opinion. Even Lord Salisbury had turned his attention to insulting a somewhat smaller nation than the United States. In the view of nine-tenths of the people of Ireland the whole question ought to be submitted to unlimited arbitration. If the ministry tried to plunge the country into a war for an unjust cause by refusing to grant arbitration he had the right to claim that there would arise from millions of Englishmen and Irishmen a voice of the strongest possible condemnation. (Cries of "Hear!" "Hear!")

Danger of Great Strife. Sir William Vernon-Harcourt, the liberal leader in the house, said that he was glad that the amendment had been moved in the interests of arbitration, but he did not think he could insist that the amendment was the best way to attain the end in view. Of course, such an amendment could not be accepted by the government, and must, if pressed to a division, be lost by a large majority. If that happened it would go forth to America that the house had pronounced against arbitration, although he was convinced that that was the end that all wished to be attained. (Cries of "Hear!" "Hear!") What the house had to do was to show that there was no difference of opinion on the subject. He was perfectly certain that both inside and outside of the house the consensus of opinion was in favor of peaceful arbitration. Their main object ought to be to express such opinion. It could not be done by joining issue on the amendment. He took the opportunity to deprecate the language sometimes used, alleging that President Cleveland had acted from election motives. There seemed to be a tendency in certain quarters to think that the United States had acted in a sudden, offensive manner. As a matter of fact, they had been pressing for a settlement of the question for the past ten years, always in a most friendly spirit. (Cries of "Hear!" "Hear!") The points of difference between Great Britain and the United States were insignificant, and could easily be settled by the cabinets of both countries, but if the populace on both sides were allowed to raise excitement through ignorance of the real matters at issue there would be great danger of strife. He appealed to Mr. Atherley-Jones to withdraw his amendment, which was done.

Against Bond-Aided Railroads. Washington, Feb. 18.—In the senate, Mr. Allen, rep., Neb., offered a resolution requesting the secretary of the interior to suspend the further issuance of patents for lands of bond-aided railroads who are in arrears to the government until their accounts have been settled.

Crow Rescued by Life Savers. Washington, Feb. 18.—The life saving service is informed that the schooner Gerie S. Winsor, from the fishing banks, bound for Provincetown, Mass., stranded yesterday off Peaked Hill bars, Cape Cod, Mass. The crew of sixteen were saved in breeches buoys.

Belated Schooner Arrives. Plymouth, Mass., Feb. 18.—Schooner Maggie J. Chadwick, for the safety of which there has been so much anxiety, has arrived here from Perth Amboy with her foretopmast gone. Her captain reports having encountered fierce weather during the entire passage.

"Pop" Davis Murder Trial. Elizabeth, N. Y., Feb. 18.—The selection of a jury to try "Pop" Davis for the murder of George Tankard at Keeseville was resumed this morning with one juror in the box.

GRAVEL CURED

(Philadelphia, Penn., Item.) A healthier, heartier, happier man than John J. Neill, of 2437 North Eighth street, Philadelphia, could not be found in a day's search. The fact that he is still alive is a constant wonder to his friends.

In the fall of 1889 he began to suffer from indescribable miseries from stone in the bladder. Consulting an eminent physician in Philadelphia, he was told that a surgical operation was necessary. So much did he dread the result, for if unsuccessful it meant death, that he put off the evil day as long as possible. While in this frame of mind, he heard of

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LIVE QUESTIONS!

"Society and the State" by John Sherwin Crosby, of Kansas City, Mo. "Government Functions" by George Bullock, of St. Louis, Mo.

Monday Next, - February 24.



NEAT LAUNDRY BAG.

The One Here Illustrated is an Ornament if Properly Made. Such a neat thing as a laundry bag should be in every house. If made prettily it is an ornament. There is nothing so untidy as soiled clothing lying about a room, and where a laundry bag is at hand, such a thing would never be. The one in our illustration is made of very light brown denim. The design, which anyone can draw, is worked in dark brown cotton, in



outline stitch. The bag measures a yard long and three-fourths of a yard wide. A heading finishes the top, and two drawing strings, one running each way, are run through, with which to hang by.—Prairie Farmer.

ANNUAL STATEMENT OF THE Middle Coal Field Poor District, for year ending December 31, 1895.

RECEIPTS FOR 1895. To bal from previous report \$12063 50 To David Ricess, Mauch Chunk twp 1894..... 60 97 To Thomas Brown, Foster twp 1894..... 69 55 To H. Malloy, Freeland boro 400 00 To Jas. D. Mook, Jeddo boro 13 98 To August Hiskoy, West Hazleton boro 1894..... 54 45 To W. D. Culver, Mauch Chunk boro 1894..... 662 06 To Wm. Heister, Lansford twp 1894..... 138 71 To C. E. Foster, E. Mauch Chunk boro 1894..... 501 65 To Wm. Hutton, Hazleton twp 1894..... 500 00 To W. N. Fichter, Banks twp 1006 75 To Chas. Altmillier, Hazleton city 1894..... 2633 01 To Park Sweeney, Hazleton twp 1894..... 431 73 To August Hiskoy, West Hazleton boro 1895..... 453 39 To Hugh Malloy, Freeland boro 1895..... 700 00 To C. E. Foster, Hazleton city 1895..... 9003 86 To G. Gormley, S Hill borough 438 98 To Chas. D. Culver, Mauch Chunk boro 1895..... 3538 85 To Wm. Fichter, Banks twp 1895..... 3150 55 To Wm. Reinhold, Jeddo twp 1895..... 219 43 To Park Sweeney, Hazleton twp 1895..... 8093 35 To Wm. Heister, Lansford borough..... 610 00 To Thomas Brown, Foster twp 1895..... 3009 60 To David Ricess, Mauch Chunk twp 1895..... 849 24 To S. H. H. Sweeney, Hazleton borough 1895..... 1158 03 To Jas J. Heaney, Lehigh twp 1895..... 159 83 To Jacob Eberts, Laurens twp..... 65 00 To maintenance of James Kelly..... 265 00 To maintenance of Christy..... 265 50 To maintenance of Gus Hensel..... 96 00 To maintenance of Emanuel..... 66 00 To Montgomery co poor dist 27 13 To Jenkins twp..... 40 00 To maintenance of M. H. Dipple..... 3302 93 To maintenance of Hattie Hinkle..... 12 00 To maintenance of Hattie Heisel..... 39 72 To maintenance of Sophia Lou..... 180 00 To maintenance of Mrs. Becher Smith..... 84 00 To maintenance of George W. Blabon..... 72 00 To maintenance of Thomas D. Hinkle..... 169 98 To maintenance of William Carroll..... 38 00 To maintenance of M. H. Kenna..... 19 50 To maintenance of Fred May..... 70 00 To maintenance of M. H. Dipple..... 9 00 To maintenance of George Vance..... 403 60 42637 01

DISBURSEMENTS. Auditing expenses..... 20 00 Conveying paupers..... 573 98 To maintenance of James Kelly..... 265 50 Clothing, boots and shoes..... 372 85 Dry goods and notions..... 313 91 Electric light..... 232 40 Farms..... 1086 67 Implements..... 24 50 Fuel and light..... 73 92 Fuel and light..... 1150 15 Groceries and provisions..... 4335 06 Horses..... 22 40 House expenses..... 170 47 Hospital Aid Society..... 255 12 Hospital..... 192 01 Insurance..... 332 50 Bal of steward's salary from 1894..... 188 50 Interest and discount..... 400 22 Land and buildings..... 540 00 Improvement act new hospital..... 9010 32 Legal fees and disbursements..... 21 00 Medicines..... 443 02 Maintenance of insane, Danville..... 4354 00 Maintenance of insane, Warrenton..... 64 87 Carriage co commission on maintenance of insane..... 730 00 Bicycle almshouse..... 3 40 Office expense..... 3 45 Outdoor relief and burials..... 18485 80 Paid other districts..... 14 19 Printing..... 625 68 Repairs to buildings..... 627 17 Salaries and expenses..... 1400 00 Outdoor medical attendance..... 732 02 Live stock..... 250 00 Tobacco and provisions..... 313 25 Expense to convention..... 115 10 Amount paid to Geo T Wells, steward..... 3775 00 58845 83

Balance in Hazleton National Bank, Dec 31, 1895..... 274 68 \$56280 51

Admitted During the Year. Male adults..... 122 Female adults..... 39 Male children..... 7 Female children..... 9 177 Discharged and Removed. Male adults..... 94 Female adults..... 31 Male children..... 12 Female children..... 7 136 Died During the Year. Male adults..... 23 Female adults..... 6 29 Inmates Remaining. Male adults..... 105 Female adults..... 56 Male children..... 4 Female children..... 4 171 Classification of Inmates Remaining. Males in hospital..... 76 Females in hospital..... 30 Males in almshouse..... 117 Females in almshouse..... 11 171 Of the above 37 males and 25 females are inmates. Average number of inmates, 166. Died During the Year. Thomas Brislin Jan 16 aged 65 years Patrick Maloney " 21 " 35 " Mathias Schaubert " 21 " 70 " Malley Landry Feb 6 " 70 " Thomas Morgan Mar 26 " 80 " Vincent Steer Mar 28 " 80 " William Slacks " 4 " 45 " James O'Brien " 12 " 22 " Mike Guako " 23 " 40 " Clarence Van Horn " 24 " 40 " Anna Hochlich " 22 " 22 " Frank Capotcha Apr 29 " 18 " Mrs Whitcomb May 2 " 50 " Joseph R. Warden " 12 " 24 " Mrs George J. Heaney " 15 " 82 " Mrs John Dipple June 3 " 36 " Peter Muehle July 2 " 30 " Isaac B. Krulick Aug 1 " 40 " Morris Thomas " 9 " 48 " Frank Dudak " 31 " 36 " Domie Comodoro Sept 3 " 17 " Michael Horowitz " 20 " 70 " John Fallon " 21 " 35 " John Smuszko " Oct 4 " 36 " Edward Koons " Nov 20 " 70 " Annie Sweeney Dec 3 " 75 " Sarah Tolroy " 5 " 75 " David Wallace " 68 " Children Born in 1895. Born to Elizabeth Parkinson Jan 13 Girl " Ellen Jowers Feb 14 " " Dell Wallver Mar 29 Boy " Annie Solder June 25 Girl " Hannah Boyle Oct 10 Girl " Kate Richards Nov 23 Boy " Annie Feist " 30 Boy

Articles Made in the House. 300 bed sheets, 204 pillow cases, 29 bolster cases, 76 bed ticks, 10 bolster ticks, 75 pillow ticks, 99 women dresses, 26 children dresses, 30 infant dresses, 12 night dresses, 61 women petticoats, 10 children and 30 infant petticoats, 15 women aprons, 10 children aprons, 18 women drawers, 8 children drawers, 18 underwaists, 18 women chemises, 13 children and 30 infant chemises, 46 towels, 12 shrouds, 30 muslin window curtains.

Cost of Inmates. In this statement items not chargeable to "maintenance" have been deducted. George T. Wells, steward..... 3775 00 Tobacco..... 313 25 Medicines..... 443 02 Hospital expense..... 199 91 House expense..... 170 47 Groceries and provisions..... 4335 06 Fuel and light..... 1150 15 Farm implements..... 24 50 Farm expenses..... 1086 67 Dry goods and notions..... 313 91 Clothing, boots and shoes..... 372 85 Total..... \$12,225 49

Average number of inmates including steward's department, 166; cost per month, \$6.19; cost per week, \$1.43; cost per day, 23c. Excluding steward's department, 145; cost per month, \$6.07; cost per week, \$1.41; cost per day, 22c. Geo. T. Wells, Steward. Ida M. Wells, Matron.

We, the undersigned auditors of the middle coal field poor district, do certify that we have examined the foregoing statement, and the vouchers for the expenditures of the directors and steward and find them correct as above stated. H. S. Rinken, J. P. Salmon, Auditors. Morgan O. Morgans, Ida M. Wells, Matron. January 23, 1896.

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