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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 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.

When these are the favorites in the Republican jockey race for the presidency, the Democrats may well rejoice over their "poverty" of such political leaders.

It is estimated that American visitors to Europe took out of this country something like \$60,000,000 in gold last summer.

The late Eugene Field once played a practical joke on two car loads of Kansas City merchants who were going on an excursion.

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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. 13.—There is mourning in the homes of Troy collar girls to-day. An untimely and fearful death overtook many of them late yesterday afternoon.

There were 300 girls at work in the Van Zandt & Jacobs collar factory, where the fire started.

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.

About 5:30 o'clock a little boy attempted to light the gas in what is known as the cutting department.

The girls rushed about the room, some of them finding their way down the stairway, others succumbed to the dense smoke and sank to the floor.

Probably the most heartrending scenes were those witnessed on the streets. The mothers and other relatives of the girls who were at work in the factory soon learned of the disastrous fire and hurried to the scene.

The spread of the flames was remarkable. There was a strong wind blowing at the time, and in less than five minutes it was all over the factory.

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Not Quite That Bad.

"You are charged with vanity. You never do anything but beg," 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 far 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.

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. 13.—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.

Mr. 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.

Thousands have expressed themselves on the merits of this wonderful medicine, that they have received more benefit in less time from it than any other preparation they have ever used.

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.

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.

Washington, Feb. 13.—In the senate, Mr. Allen, rep., Neb., offered a resolution requesting the secretary of the interior to suspend the further issuance of patents for lags of bond-aided railroads who are in arrears to the government until their accounts have been settled.

Washington, Feb. 13.—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.

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Elizabeth, N. Y., Feb. 13.—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

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.

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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. 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.



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.

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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, 13 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 Medicine..... 443 02 Hospital expense..... 199 91 House expense..... 170 47 Groceries and provisions..... 435 85 Fuel and light..... 1150 15 Farm implements..... 24 50 Farm expenses..... 1035 24 Dry goods and notions..... 313 91 Clothing, boots and shoes..... 372 65

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