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### Jimcrax.

How low has the strangled make  
again.  
"I love him," she said, "for all there  
is of him in his money."  
The game is up," said the dog as he  
sprang upon the man's back.  
Always take Public Opinion a long  
time to pull his boots.  
A jumping toothache is about the  
hardest thing to convert you ever saw.  
You can catch a Deadwood miner with  
a little more to-morrow's mine will  
not search you.  
If there are no monopolies in heaven  
you suppose Jay Gould would be happy  
there?  
It is getting so now that more than  
half the people that commit suicide pre-  
fer it in the attempt.  
There is more heaven in a little patch  
green grass than in the biggest stock  
drift. Then, go to grass.  
When a man makes money at euchre  
he makes a good deal. (Five minutes  
allowed for this soap.)  
The Grand Rapids Democrat begs to  
congratulate a Lowell man to his wife  
referring to the Republican convention.  
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was attending his own donation party  
Friday night, his paragon was burned,  
including an \$800 library and all other  
contents.

### Editorial.

Indications indicate that Senator Mc  
Home will act with the Republicans.  
The furry on Wall Street has been  
cheered. Pitty some of the opera-  
tion couldn't be.  
It said that Gen. Garfield will retain  
the present cabinet for a time. So, fol-  
low leaders, we shall remain with you  
a few days longer.  
It isn't the legitimate use of power we  
fear but the abuse.  
An absentee that needs attention before it  
is too late.  
John Devo calls to the Home Sec-  
retary in London—"This man is a  
stamp out the Irish people are pas-  
sed forever." Good for John Devo.  
Give 'em more of the same.  
Gen. Garfield will be inaugurated day  
after to-morrow. He is a Washington  
man will be full. And so will a good  
many spectators.  
The death of Senator Mat. Carpenter,  
which occurred last Thursday, takes  
from the United States Senate one of  
its most brilliant members.  
Battie Creek wants more fire pro-  
tection—Det. News. Protection? O no,  
no more protection. It will be a  
fire lane, free, free, free, free drinks  
and frequent advice.  
A. B. Turner of the Grand Rapids Pa-  
pale is in Washington. He wants to be  
the general printer and the Journal  
doesn't blame him a bit. It's a fat  
take.  
Stanley Matthews is an able man in  
some respects, but it is the virtue of  
a large majority of this country's intelli-  
gence that he would better fit a bench  
in front of some grocery than the su-  
preme bench—if he must have a bench.  
The Republicans of Michigan can  
"point with pride" at their State ticket  
and exclaim—"Come on, Michigan! It  
is a good ticket, a strong ticket, a winning  
ticket. Unless the Free Press puts  
Michigan down again as a doubtful  
state it will certainly be the winning  
ticket. There are others, however, who think he  
is mistaken as to what is trump and there-  
fore his right and left are only plain  
jacks. To an outsider it looks as though  
the Free Press might be trying to bluff  
the crowd on a hand of nine-pots.

### Journal Jottings.

Senator Russell and L. M. Sellers of  
Ocellar Springs have gone to the "mogens"  
of W. A. Chamberlain of Allegan county  
recently died the bell-tollers of Grand  
Rapids are ringing.  
August Little, clerk in the railroad of-  
fice at Grand Haven, was fatally wound-  
ed by the explosion of a gun Saturday.  
Burglars entered the postoffice and a  
store at Peninsula Friday night and ab-  
sconded with \$400 in stamps and cash.  
No clue.  
Rev. Mr. Oldham is a preacher in Ea-  
son county and if the accent is as  
flat syllable you can't get to pro-  
duce it.  
The Sunday school institute at Ionia  
beginning to-day and closes on Friday.  
An interesting programme is announced.  
Several from Ionia will attend.  
Emerson & Co's coal works at Jack-  
son burned Saturday night. Loss \$40,000  
(with no insurance) and 300 men thrown  
out of employment.  
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### REPUBLICAN STATE CONVENTION.

A Strong Ticket Nominated.  
The Republican State Convention as-  
sembled at noon on Wednesday, Feb. 25,  
in the Hotel Hamilton in Grand Rapids,  
called to order by Hon. Wm. Livingston  
Jr., of Detroit. Hon. E. C. Watkins of  
Kent, was called temporarily to the  
chair, and James O'Donnell, the hand-  
some man of Jackson, was made tempo-  
rary secretary. The following commit-  
tees were appointed:  
First District—Albert H. Wilkinson, Geo. W. De-  
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Second District—J. S. Wheeler, A. H. De-  
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Agricultural.

The Commissioner of Agriculture says that from the information received from his correspondents in the States the lamb supply next season will be very short and high in value.

Hay for Hogs.

Very few, says an agricultural exchange, are aware of the fact that it is very beneficial to hogs; but it is true, nevertheless. Hogs need rough food as well as horses, cattle, or the human race.

Curing Balky Horses.

A Canadian horseman who is in favor of curing a balky horse in the quickest way condemns all whipping and ill usage of that sort. His plan is to drive until the balk comes, then I step down; he expects me to use the whip.

Improving Stock cheaply.

Many farmers suppose that because they cannot buy a herd or a flock that thereafter they must be content with growing scrub stock. On this subject the Live Stock Journal has the following: It doesn't require a section of land nor a big bank account, to make a beginning.

What an old Farmer says.

This is the advice of an man who has tilled the soil for forty years: I am an old man, upward of three score years, during two score of which I have been a tiller of the soil. I cannot say that I am now, but I have been rich, and have all I need; do not owe a dollar; have given my children a good education, and when I am called away, to leave them, enough to keep the wolf from the door. My experience has taught me that

THE LIQUOR QUESTION.

A Letter to the Journal from Hon. A. B. Cheney.

MR. EDITOR:—Having noticed at various times during the past year several articles in your valuable paper, in which the value of prohibitory laws relating to the liquor traffic were discussed and in which the idea seemed to obtain that such enactments were usually failures, notably in the State of Maine, and knowing your willingness to give your readers all the light on the subject possible, I have thought it in point to collect the statements of quite a number of the most prominent persons residents of that State relating to that question, that your many readers may have the benefit of the judgment of these men who are on the spot.

1. Under date of June 3, 1872, Gen. J. L. Chamberlain who was Governor of Maine from 1867 to 1871, and who as Commander-in-Chief of the State troops during the Garcelon imbroglio earned and received such unstinted praise throughout the country for his sagacity, sterling good sense and sound discretion wrote as follows:

"The declaration made by many persons that the Maine law is inoperative, and that liquors are sold freely and in large quantities in this State is not true. The law is as well executed generally in the State as our criminal laws are. We say without reserve that if liquors are sold at all, it is in very small quantities compared with the old times, and in a secret way as other unlawful things are done."

2. Under the same date Governor Sidney Perham wrote as follows: "I think it safe to say that the liquor trade is not one-tenth so great as before the enactment of the law. In some places liquor is sold secretly in violation of law, as many other offenses are committed against the statutes, and the peace and good order of society; but in large districts of the State the liquor traffic is nearly or quite unknown, where formerly it was carried on like any other trade."

We observe that the Governor differs materially in his statement from the opponents of prohibitory enactments in Michigan.

3. Under date of March 19, 1874, the Hon. Nelson Dingley, Jr., who was Governor of Maine from 1874 to 1876, wrote as follows: "The prohibitory policy is accepted as a settled fact in this State, and no considerable body of men favor its repeal. In more than three-fourths of the State open dram shops are unknown and secret sales are comparatively rare."

4. Gov. Sheldon Conner, in his message of 1878, refers to the prohibitory law as follows: "It is a matter of common knowledge that our laws prohibiting the sale of intoxicating liquors have been very generally enforced, especially in the cities and large towns, where the traffic is most persistently attempted to be carried on in defiance of them."

5. The Republican party of the State of Maine, at its State Convention in 1875 declared in its platform as follows: "Temperance among the people may be wisely promoted by prohibitory legislation, and it is a source of congratulation that the policy of prohibition, always upheld by the Republicans of Maine, is now concurred in by a vast majority of the people of the State."

Thus the Republicans of Maine as a party hesitate not to declare for prohibition of the liquor traffic.

6. Hon. Wolcott Hamlin, Superintendent of Internal Revenue, District of Maine, New Hampshire and Vermont, wrote under date of May 31, 1872, as follows: "I have become thoroughly acquainted with the state and extent of the liquor traffic in Maine, and I have no hesitation in saying that the beer trade is not more than one per cent. of what I remember it to have been, and the trade in distilled liquors is not more than ten per cent. of what it was formerly."

This statement of the United States revenue officer is fortified by an examination of the Internal Revenue Reports of 1874, in which we find that the United States revenue from liquor tax in Maine amounted to \$49,237.77, while in Connecticut, with less population than Maine, but under a license system, the tax (Internal Revenue) amounted in the same year to \$336,743.49. In Maine there were but 843 dealers, most of whom were town agencies appointed by the State, while in Connecticut there were 8,353 dealers.

7. In 1872 the Overseers of the Poor of Portland—a city of 30,000 population—reported: "If liquor shops exist at all in this city it is with secrecy and great caution and the same thing is true generally through the State, while the population of the city increases, pauperism and crime diminishes, and the number of arrests and commitments is very much less than formerly."

8. In April, 1878, Hon. James G. Blaine who was the favorite of the Michigan Republicans for President of the United States and a man whom the friends of the traffic will not charge with being a fanatic, deliberately wrote as follows: "The law is now as easily enforced as that for the prevention and punishment of any other and similar crimes, and I can sincerely affirm that it is a success."

Hon. Hannibal Hamlin, ex-Vice President of the United States, Hon. William P. Fry, Hon. Eugene Hale, Hon. T. B. Reed, Hon. S. D. Lindsay and Hon. L. Powers constituting the entire Congressional representation of the State of Maine in Congress, all united in endorsing the statement of Hon. James G. Blaine.

9. The Attorney General of the State of Maine in his report for the year 1875 on page 19, says: "The result of the prohibitory liquor law in York county is a direct saving during two years past of nearly \$20,000."

In addition to this reduction of three-sevenths in the amount of the county tax is rendered possible. Such a showing is an unanswerable argument in favor of the law for the suppression of the traffic, which before the enactment of the law involved the direct expenditure by the people of the State of \$4,250,000 annually, in addition to the enormous sums required to punish criminals and maintain the paupers engendered thereby."

10. In the same report on page 18, I find the following, which indicates the possibility of the enforcement of a stringent law where the population is largely of foreign extraction: "The municipal court of Biddeford, aside from bills in liquor cases, returned only 33 bills of costs for six months ending Oct. 12. This is an unparalleled showing in a city of 11,000 inhabitants, 5,000 of whom are of foreign extraction; and can only be attributed to a strict enforcement of the law. With one exception the only felonious assaults committed in the county (York) this year arose directly from the use of intoxicating liquors purchased in New Hampshire and the assaults were committed near the State line."

11. The Attorney General, in his report for 1876 says: "The great bulk of the prosecutions are for violations of the liquor law, which in my judgment is enforced as faithfully and diligently as any other statute."

12. Under date of Aug. 3, 1880 Judge Joshua Nye, one of the ablest jurists of the State wrote: "I have no doubt that in three-fourths of the towns in the State no liquor is sold. All political parties acquiesce in the law. We know so well here the great benefit of the law and of its almost entire success that it seems like a joke to us when we hear of its being said in distant States that it is a failure. We know better."

13. July 23, 1880 ex-Gov. Sidney Perham wrote: "I respond to your information the more gladly because the report has been industriously circulated in other States and doubtless in yours, that the prohibitory liquor law in Maine has been a failure. These reports must have been made by persons unacquainted with the facts, or so prejudiced against the law as to make them unreliable witnesses. The sale of liquors is chiefly confined to out-of-the-way and disreputable places, thus removing the temptation that open bars and saloons present. If all laws that do not entirely prevent the evils on account of which they are enacted are to be considered failures, the prohibitory law in Maine may be so regarded; but if this law, like others, is to be judged by its influence in the prevention of evil and crime, no man in Maine, who values his reputation will be likely to call it a failure. The law has commended itself to the judgment of a large majority of the people of the State and was never so strong as at the present time."

14. The Republicans of the State of Maine in their State platform in 1878 say: "Temperance among the people may be greatly promoted by wise prohibitory legislation as well as by all those moral agencies which have secured us benefit and results; and it is a source of congratulation that the principle of prohibition, which has always been upheld by Republicans, is now concurred in by so large a majority of the people that it is no longer a party question."

15. The Republican platform of 1879 treats the subject as follows: "The (Republican) party recognizes temperance as a cause which has conferred the greatest benefit on the State, and it sustains the principle of prohibition which in its operation so largely suppressed liquor-selling and added incalculably to the sum of virtue and prosperity among the people."

Can we in the knowledge of the foregoing claim that the prohibitory law in Maine is a failure? If you find such a one, I will furnish 100 more proofs similar to the fifteen above.

A. B. CHENEY, Sparta, Feb. 19, 1881.

Cure for Lockjaw. Here is the Scientific American's remedy for lockjaw. It is certainly very simple, and easily tried: "Let any one who has an attack of lockjaw take a small quantity of turpentine, warm it and pour it on the wound, no matter where the wound is, and relief will follow in less than a minute. Nothing better can be applied to a severe cut or bruise than cold turpentine, it will give certain relief almost instantly. Turpentine is also a sovereign remedy for croup. Saturate a piece of flannel with it and place the flannel on the throat and chest, and in every case three or four drops on a lump of sugar may be taken inwardly."

Tennyson, the Last of His Kind. Walt Whitman remarks in the North American Review: "As a passing thought, a contrast of him who, in my opinion, continues and stands for the Shakespearean cultus at the present day among all English writing peoples—of Tennyson, his poetry. I find it impossible, as I taste the sweetness of these lines, to escape the flavor, the conviction, the lush-rupening culmination, and last honey of decay (I dare not call it rotteness) of that feudalism which the mighty English dramatist painted in all the splendors of its noon and afternoon. And how they are chanted—both poets! Happy those kings and nobles to be so sung, so told! To run their course—to get their deeds and shapes in lasting pigments—the very pomp and dazzle of the sunset!"

Meanwhile, Democracy waits the coming of its birds in silence and in twilight—but 'tis the twilight of the dawn. The Egyptian obelisk, presented by the Khedive of Egypt to the United States and by the United States to the city of New York, was formerly transferred to the custody of that city on the 23d. Secretary Evarts made the presentation speech, and Mayor Grace briefly replied.

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