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How, very, serenely rest

Up on the old year's crest! Ere yet again you wake from sleep

Weep, fill your eyes with tender tears, Weep for the old forgotten years,

Keen, wreath of ones, forgive and kits; 'Tis not the old year that dismisses,

Smile, trouble joys be glad and smile, O, let your eye be free from guile!

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Michigan Press Association. The lux! annual meeting of the Michigan Press Association, which held in one of the rooms of the new Capitol, at Lansing, Tuesday, January 11, 1881, at 10 o'clock, p. m.

That the attendance of Judge Marston and his response to the toast, "The State of Michigan," at the late New England Dinner in this city, was by design, and accomplished through the instrumentality of Judge Cooley, we have every reason to believe; also that the occasion was purposely made one to pave the way and prepare the public mind to receive a forthcoming decision of the court without censure or criticism.

The appearance of Judge Mantoo in the city at this time, accompanied by a reporter from Detroit, (a thing never before heard of upon like occasions) means and says in so many words: "we shall soon take action in an important case, and we be to the lawyer or other person who questions our decision after it shall have been made."

All we have to say to these two men is that we are not frightened. We shall comment with perfect freedom upon any decision which attempts to crush the innocent and helpless, whether this decision be pronounced by Judges Marston or Cooley, or any other judge.

In another column a decision made by the Chief Justice of the supreme court of Pennsylvania. They are words of wisdom which we commend to these gentlemen and set forth and hold a better, broader doctrine, and one more in keeping with the free institutions and civilization of the 19th century.

We say four times over, that Judge who will, in his capacity as a citizen, put his strong arm under one of the parties in a contest, and then get angry, and through his friends call down the vengeance of Heaven, because the other party dare say publicly that after doing these things he should not set as a judge.

CRITICISM OF COURTS. The following is an extract from an opinion by Chief Justice Ashwood of the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania:

"It is now the right and duty of a lawyer to bring to the notice of the people, who elect the judges, every instance of what he believes to be corruption or partisanship. No class of the community ought to be allowed free scope in the expression or publication as to the capacity, impartiality or integrity of judges than members of the bar. To say that an attorney can only act or speak on this subject under liability to be called to account, and to be deprived of his profession and livelihood by the very judge or judges whom he may consider it his duty to attack and expose, is a position too monstrous to be entertained a moment under our present system."

NOTES EDITORIAL. Illinois has paid all of her state debt. Texas only gave Hancock 85,000 majority—that's all. About equal to Iowa for the republicans.

Immigrants to the number of 318,037 had arrived in New York the present year up to the 27th inst.

Jonathan J. Woodman is the latest dark horse in the senatorial race. He is way in the dimmest of the deep, deep shadows.

The Brooklyn board of aldermen have decided not to grant United States licenses to any but citizens of the United States, thus giving the Celestial washes-washes the "dirty shake."

It is given out that Senator Blaine has been offered any position he may desire in the cabinet of President Garfield, and that he will accept that of secretary of state.

The associate press dispatches of last Sunday state that a large number of Chinese who had struck for higher wages in a shoe factory had been discharged and replaced by cheaper American labor! Is this possible?

The name of Mrs. Josephine Robinson, of Marine City, is urged for the position of postmistress of the coming legislature. Her husband was lost on the lakes, being an officer of the steamer R. S. Coburn when it went down.

"Russia is to assist Persia in driving out the Kurds," is the way a cablegram reads. Yes, and in doing this Persia admits the camel into her own tent, and the next thing that will bother her will be how to drive out the Russians.

Christmas in Ireland, the cable says, was a sad, dull day. Depression is marking the spirit of the people, and the merchants being especially despondent. The agitation is paralyzing trade, putting capital to flight and ruining commercial activity.

The papers are daily filled with special and associated press dispatches respecting the Sprague divorce suit, giving minute details of disgusting episodes, such as which gush, splash and smashes should be suppressed for decency's sake.

upon the mauc of Gen. Porter, so far as the senate is concerned. The wisdom of this action is greatly questioned by a large portion of the republican party.

Beato Logan was especially bitter against it. The peculiar characteristics in some of the editors of these sheets are the only ones which are worthy of notice. The editors of these sheets are the only ones which are worthy of notice.

The above is certainly true. In writing the item referred to we had before us an eight-page paper, six pages of which were patent, and upon the two remaining pages there was certainly not over ten lines of original matter, as we recognized items from several of our exchanges.

We might appropriately add that several of our most valued state exchanges have foreign in or outside, and many of the most conscientious, hard-working editors of the state prefer to print their paper in that manner, as it gives so much additional miscellaneous reading. The disease spoken of is not confined to the patent sheet alone, but is quite prevalent in the fraternal, and is so, undoubtedly, because it takes hard work to get up a good, live newspaper.

The Northwestern Christian Advocate, published at Chicago, gives its 100,000 readers throughout the length and breadth of this nation, the following view of the Watson will question: "The astronomer, Prof. Watson, recently deceased, willed his six hundred thousand dollars six years ago to the nation which, through trustees, is commanded to invest the interest in prizes to young men exceptionally proficient in astronomical studies. It will award two hundred dollars to the widow and three-fourths as much to the mother, a year. The public straightway began to censure the testator until it was announced that the ladies have independent resources. That reopened Ann Arbor quarrel developed the statement that the ladies are in fact dependent. It is alleged that Watson has exhibited characteristic heartlessness in seeking to erect a national monument to himself at the expense of the mother and wife who had right to the property. Our consequent prompt contempt seems to be justified by the need of Watson's own brother who has begun suit to contest the seemingly scandalous will. Through Watson & Co. and his legacy are public facts and open to review. If the apparently outrageous will is sustained it will be a national scandal and nuisance. The man who seeks to end out of a family fund a personal memoria that monumentalizes an insult to a defrauded wife and mother, should be thwarted by laws in the interest of public morality. No self-respectful citizen will accept the trusteeship; no young man will receive a 'prize' from such a dishonorable and dishonoring fund, unless, indeed, he be made of the stuff that composes such unnatural testators. The conditions upon which we base this condemnation are alleged by informed critics. Should the facts prove the circumstances of the will to be respectable, we shall be thoroughly grateful, and shall gladly withdraw the protest."

"THE PRESS." Mr. Mower's Response to the Above Toast at the Kew England Dinner. In our report of the exercises at the New England dinner, given in armory hall, Dec. 22, we did not have space last week for more than a brief announcement of the subjects discussed. One of the best speeches of the evening was made by Mr. B. Frank Bower, of the Detroit Evening News, in response to the toast of "The Press."

Mr. Bower was down upon last year's program, but the exercises dragged out to such an unseasonable hour that the society adjourned, cutting off three or four speakers. Mr. Bower was invited to attend this year and accepted. In introducing the toast President Pettie made some humorous remarks, alluding to the adjournment of last year; said that last year's banquet hadn't been finished, etc. The following is a stenographic report of the same:

Jef. Tuttle, ladit an' gentlemen of the New England Society—I have been joked considerably about the affair of last year, but the condolences of my friends have been deep and hearty; but I did not neetpeel to hear the matter alluded to on this occasion by the chair. On my way to take the train for Ann Arbor this evening I met a friend who inquired if I was going home. He said when I answered yes he remarked: "I see, you are going out to finish the dinner began last year." (Laughter.) "Yes," I responded, and I mean to finish it to-night or die in the attempt. (Laughter.) I am afraid Mr. President, that after I am done you will wish that I had died in the attempt. (Laughter.) Not long ago a gentleman of my acquaintance, who was with the press was called upon to deliver a paper at a gathering to respond to this toast. He had been notified some days in advance, and had prepared an elaborate "impromptu" address with which he proposed to electrify the audience. But when he arose to do the electrifying his emotions overpowered him, and he could not strike a single spark from the glowing iron. To sit down without speaking to a small audience, so he held fast to the table and managed to say, "Mr. President, the prats speaks for itself!" The company regarded this as truly witty and unanimously declared that he made the best speech of the evening. (Laughter.) I don't know but I should be doing a wise thing to yield to the modesty which characterizes the newspaper man (smiles) and make, if not the best, at least the shortest speech of the evening by simply remarking that the press requires no sponsor, but at all times speaks for itself.

It is related of Daniel Webster, that while trying an important patent case in the United States supreme court, involving the right to manufacture certain cog wheels, his opponent, Mr. Christie, I think, delivered an exhaustive argument in which he described the wheels and left the matter more in doubt than before. Mr. Webster, with consummate ability, controverted the main points of the argument, and then, directing his attention to the descriptive part, picked up the model of the wheels, held them out at arms length, and said: "May it please your honor, these are the poor wheels, examine them for yourselves!" It seems to me, Mr. President, that the most eloquent response that could be made to this sentiment, would be to point to the great journals of the east and west, and north ami south, and say: "These is my response" (Applause).

Journalism, as we understand it, is the product of last five decades, and the newspaper, like steam and electricity, and the telegraph, the telephone and electric light, and all the innovation of the nineteenth century was unknown to our ancestral fathers. To be sure there have been "newspapers" and "gsmettes" and "Bulletins" from time immemorial, but the great news as we know it and call it, is distinctly and necessarily the creation of our own time. Therefore, when we contemplate the 70 years that intervened between the landing of the pilgrims on Plymouth Rock and the establishment of the first American newspaper, so-called, it is easy for us to understand the erubescence and darkness that must have enveloped their humdrum press, although they knew it not. But, sir, let us consider

the solemn question what we should do in the newspaper's case, which shed its refulgent light upon us, were to be suddenly and permanently eclipsed and go out forever in the black void their suspension would create! It seems to me that such a disaster would be the nearest approximation to that appalling plague said to have been cast upon the ancient Egyptians—verily, a darkness that would be felt.

The history of the press, interesting as it is, could not be followed in detail in ten minutes' speech. Its history is the history of civilization. The battles it has fought for human liberty, for right and justice, for freedom of thought, utterance and action would fill a volume of boon duration. It struggles are well known. The means resorted to for its suppression—from censorship of Henry VIII. and the accompanying court of star chamber, the knife, the thumb-screw, the rack, the pillory, the branding iron, and all the torments that could be devised by fiendish ingenuity, down to the modern means of stopping one's subscription [laughter]—for or libel or whipping the editor, [laughter]—are also well known. The blood of martyred saints sanctified that religion; and sanguinary wars note the history and progress of civilization. Its growth and development have been traced by able hands, from the primitive sheet Vitruvius style or system,—to the paltry court journal,—to the larger dimensions of Addison's "Spectator" and other similar classes,—to the great daily Journal of our time which greets us morning and evening, fresh with the news of all nations, full of the thoughts of the people of all lands; the newspaper, containing tidings of pleasure, and happiness, tilling our hearts with joy and gladness; and tidings that ashen the cheek and sicken the heart; the newspaper which Edwin Burke proclaimed to be the diurnal history of the world; in which the dead lies stand side by side with the good, the pure with the corrupt, the infamous with the virtuous, the ignoble with the divine. [Applause].

The Adam of American journalists was one Ben Harris who issued "public occurrences" at Boston in 1810. Mr. Harris stated that his journal would advocate measures for the caring, or at least the charming of that spirit of lying which prevailed amongst them. [Laughter.] Need I add that "public occurrences" lived but a single day? It died almost before it had been fairly born, crushed under the weight of outraged opinion, backed by the strong arm of English law. The spirit which instigated the beholding and quarreling of publishers in the old country parted the exiles across the ocean to their new homes, and this first American newspaper was suppressed altogether. [Laughter.] "Reflections of a very high character!" The perditions of the American press continued down to the time of the revolutionary war when the same sword that severed English allegiance cut the chains that bound America! The persecution of James Franklin and the memorable trial of Peter Zenger aroused the country to the pitch of revolution, and when the black clouds of rebellion burst the press struck a tremendous blow for independence under the leadership of that lover of freedom and liberty—Thomas Paine. [Applause]. The newspaper press, freed from its shackles, took for its motto "Excelsior" and its subsequent history is marked with gigantic strides toward improvement and perfection. It reached out after each new facility like a student anxious for advancement. It seized upon each improvement with an avidity born of necessity and genius, and when Benjamin Franklin stretched forth his right hand to heaven, plucked the lightning from the clouds and brought it to the earth to be the slave of man, the newspaper was given an impetus of which it has taken full advantage, and in its progress onward and upward has carried with it the whole English-speaking race. [Applause].

The great west, in its colossal strides, taxed New England for men of brain and nerve and energy, whose sons are largely the journalists of the west to-day, and whose best thoughts have done much—very much—for the people in whose midst they live. The pioneer press did much to develop the thought and culture of the country. The editor with his pen struck as powerful blows in his sanctum as the woodman with his axe did in the forest. He did as much for civilization as the farmer, the mechanic, the laborer, and truthful history will give him full credit.

The power of the press is vague and undefined. Indescribable, incalculable, unmeasurable, the power of the newspaper is beyond precise estimation, presenting a problem that, even the eminent professor of mathematics in the university cannot solve. It makes and unmake public opinion. It regards with Jealous eye the conduct of public officers. It corrects abuses in the judiciary. It bridges the irreconcilable antagonisms of politicians. It is the greatest bulwark American liberty has to-day—an all important factor in the checks and balances in government. Seventy years ago there was one paper in this country with a circulation of less than 10,000. In 1848 there were over 100,000 newspapers with an aggregate circulation of over sixteen hundred million. In a population of 47,000,000—an increase of 17,000,000 old. Said a celebrated divine the other day, when a friend remarked that he had reached to a small audience, "Yes, but to how narrow I shall preach to the world!" The talker, the orator, the preacher, speaks to the world through the newspaper—trodding and enlightening public opinion, teaching the ignorant, reforming the wicked and elevating mankind. An independent press is no respecter of persons, it strikes corruption wherever it shows its hydra-head. It exposes abuses wherever irrefuted, and does not spare the pulpit or the bench. Attempts to shackle it have, been made under the cloak of law, and judges have essayed to become its dictators. The persecution of the first English printers by the infamous letters were forever a blot upon the escutcheon of the English judiciary. In this republic much inquiry will never be possible. The constitution will not warrant it, and the people will not permit it. Bays a well-known author and able lawyer: "It will be a sad day for the independence of public justice, if the independence of the law, when the petty tyranny of an indifferent or corrupt judge can, with impunity, arbitrarily punish the newspaper that criticizes his action. There is no intense or sacred influence of the judicial munc in a republic which can ever defy the watchfulness and ignorance and turpitude and tyranny in the courts, as everywhere else, with a vigilance as omniscient and sleepless as—ealting as the ubiquity of that Coesar, against whose imperial pillage Dr Quincy said the pathless deserts of the Roman empire were but a transient and futile security. [Applause].

As great, and mighty, and perfect as it is, has the press reached the acme of its power and grandeur? No. The London Times reports its parliamentary debates; by tele-dictation to the ear of the compositor, who types into type as the words fall from the instrument. Type setters are being superseded by marvelous pieces of ingenious mechanism. The daily Journal in Hinted from continuous rolls of white paper miles and miles in length, at the rate of 55,000 copies per press per hour. All the available elements of heaven ami earth are pressed into service in its composition, yet I am jurestunuous enough to

prophecy that the newspaper of a hundred years hence will be as advanced over US as the newspaper of our time is over that of two centuries ago. It will go on in its great career,—improving, broadening, strengthening, growing greater with each revolution of the globe, until Napoleon's assertion that "Four newspapers are more to be dreaded than a hundred thousand bayonets" shall be true whenever the press is free, and until Carlyle's query: "Is not every able editor a rotor of the world?" shall have passed from interrogation to affirmation and become an axiom in popular belief. Henceforth the growth of the newspaper press will be akin to that of the mighty oak. When the tender sprig sprung from the soil a child could bend and break it, and the gentle summer breezes bowed it to the ground. Hut, nurtured by the people, its roots extended and took a firmer hold on mother earth. It grew and its shade was sought by countless numbers; the fiercer winds blew but the mighty oak bowed not. [Applause].

Magazine Notices. The January issue of St. Nicholas, "The New Year's number," was published December 28th, giving the young people time to forget a little the glories of "the wonderful number." Among the contents are several capital things, which were crowded out of December. "Bright Eyes," the young Indian girl, makes her first contribution to literature in a charming story. "The Children's Fair Brigade," another of the novel entertainments for children's festivals which have been suggested by the pages of St. Nicholas; "Eve on Boy His Own Ice Boat," describing a splendid sport for all skaters; "The First of Mrs. Clara Krskine Clements' 'Stories of Art and Artists,' which are one of the special features of St. Nicholas during the coming year; one of Frank T. Stockton's funniest fairy stories, a poem by H. H. Boyesen, pictures grave and gay continuations of the series, etc., etc. The issue rivals the Christmas number in good things.

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