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WANTED—A FEW FUNERALS.

Amidst the intense excitement of the ever memorable contest for the presidency in Chicago in 1880, there arose from one of the seats a lank, hungry-looking, cadaverous, long-haired delegate from the Lone Star State, who, turning his face to that vast assemblage, exclaimed, "What are we here for?"

A scene very much similar to that produced by the Texas patriot in the Chicago convention transpired in the house of representatives on Monday last when Congressman Hatch, of Missouri, struck the keynote of the political situation when he declared that the democratic party needed a few funerals—funerals in New York, funerals in Indiana, funerals in Ohio.

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A funeral in New York that would bury Sam Tilden, and lay out some of the barnacles who are opposed to any aggressive policy that would commit the democracy to a principle around which the people could rally, would undoubtedly be of material advantage to that party.

A funeral is wanted in Ohio to bury Standard Oil Payne, who is not only a dead weight as a pronounced monopolist, but commits the party to a do-nothing policy on tariff reform.

A funeral is wanted in Indiana to get rid of Sam Tilden's fence-riding partner, Hendricks, who is always afraid that the democracy will commit a grave error in doing something that might conflict with the constitution of our fathers.

He wanted to infuse more blood in the democracy—a little independence in it—a little originality in it. Before he would have followed the republican party to Chicago he would have gone to Los Angeles.

Yes, indeed, a few democratic funerals are wanted, not only in New York, Indiana and Ohio, but in every state of the union, before that party can ever hope to be in the ascendancy.

It may be that Hatch ordered his own political funeral when "he heaved that brick," but there is a great deal more truth than poetry in every word he uttered.

It is true that we have exonerated him in the matter of the Farnam street pavement, but we have not forgotten that he was a party to the outrage which the Union Pacific sandstone ring sought to perpetrate last spring in its attempt to nullify the expressed wishes of the property owners on the cross streets between Tenth and Sixteenth.

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WORK. Senator Mankerson has no doubt heard of Peter Schwonk to know the character and class of men whom Valentine loves to honor and promote.

Being a subscriber of your paper I like to read your editorials and rather admire your straightforward and outspoken manner of getting at facts, if they are hits that hurt a little sometimes.

Mr. Hatch had better avoid Chicago hereafter on his way to Missouri, if he knows what is healthy for him.

THE president will have to withdraw the appointment of Alonzo H. Church. He will never be confirmed.

DEADWOOD is troubled over its water supply. There are 112 patients in the insane hospital at that town.

THE Yankton city council has decided to construct a city hospital, and negotiations for five acres of ground for sites are in progress.

THE population of Lake county is 5,400, its total valuation for 1883 is \$632,428. The county is particularly well supplied with schools, there being at least forty in session this winter.

THE local option bill was killed in the legislature by a vote of 14 to 8. The water supply is yet in its infancy in the territory.

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MEMBERS OF THE INNER CIRCLE.

The stockmen of New Mexico have organized a territorial association.

The Atchison, Topoka & Santa Fe company will extensively advertise the Mesilla valley to induce immigration.

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