

MADE MAD BY WILD BETS.

First Class Citizens Excited Over the Election.

A SURE-CARE MILLIONAIRE WHO VOWS HE'LL GO BROKE IF BLAINE SHOULD GET ELECTED.

New York Journal. "Money talks," ordinarily, remarked a well-known sporting man who sat nursing his knee in the St. James hotel last night. "Money screams aloud in this campaign. Two men with different preferences can't meet and talk politics without backing their opinions with anything from a sick hat to a browned front of hair for an amount from a punched half dollar to thousands. Boys are staking their marbles. The next thing babies will be laying their rattles on the result."

"Have you heard of many election bets?" asked a Journal reporter. "Many bets," exclaimed the sport. "There are \$3,000 in good cash lying in that safe behind the counter, of which Captain Conner is the stakeholder. The other night John L. Hill, the Philadelphia politician, was over here shooting Blaine from the word 'go.' There was a quiet-looking New Yorker leaning against the door over there, and while Hill was talking he pulled out his roll and skimmed off his wrapper. It was a \$5,000 note. Then walking over to Hill he offered to bet him \$5,000 to \$3,000 that Cleveland would carry New York state. Hill weakened on the state, but offered to back Blaine even on the general result for \$3,000 and the money now in Conner's hands."

"Any more?" "There's a gentleman from New Orleans living here in the St. James, who has bet between \$7,000 and \$8,000 that Cleveland will be the next president. He placed \$3,000 before the Ohio election, and when the first returns came in he bet and he didn't hedge. Then the majority gradually dwindled to 11,000 and my New Orleans friend started in again. He's taking anything that offers, and vows he'll go broke if Blaine should be elected."

"What are the odds on New York state?" asked the reporter. "About \$100 to \$30 on Cleveland. Even, that Cleveland will carry the state by 30,000 majority. You can sometimes get even better than that. For example, Mr. E. J. Riggs, a wall street operator, yesterday bet \$1,000 with Messrs. Powers & Stevens, brokers, that Cleveland would carry the state by 40,000 majority. Mr. John Barclay, a friend of mine, at Tenth street and Sixth avenue, has \$2,000 placed that Cleveland will carry the state and wants another \$4,000 worth of it. Al. Smith says he lay \$15,000 on the same result. If he wants to bet that Cleveland will be the next president, I know that Billy Edwards, of the Hotel Manhattan house, holds a thousand for a friend of his who wants to put it on Blaine."

"How is the betting on the next mayor?" "Odds on Grant against the field," returned the sport rising to accept an invitation to a little game of draughts. "Jerry Costigan yesterday bet \$1,000 to \$700 that Tammany's man would be elected."

L. G. Quinlan & Co., one of the largest grain houses in this city, have issued a statement to the effect that they carry their possession the sum of \$20,000 prepared to bet it in a game of cards in part thereof that New York would cast its electoral vote for Grover Cleveland for president.

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ON THEIR TRACK.

How Fast Clerks Are Shadowed at Dis-reputable Resorts.

New York Telegram. The said case of Charles Carter, who was book-keeper in a Broadway dry goods house a year ago, and who, through his infatuation for a concert-saloon singer, stole his employer's money and sank to the lowest depths of degradation, is not an uncommon one. The various temptations held forth to young men at the myriad night resorts are deadly in their effects in too many instances, and this is so well understood by employers that they adopt every means to their command to exercise a certain surveillance over their clerks, even out of hours of business. Many of the private detective agencies down town are particularly employed in keeping large mercantile houses advised of the nocturnal rambles of their employees, and many a young clerk who thinks the friendly veil of night hides him from all observation of employers or acquaintances has his every wild escapade, debauchery, and extravagance noted by some "shadow" from an agency.

"Why" said the superintendent of a detective firm on Broadway this morning, "if some of those lads who frequent the saloons and dives on Sixth avenue and the surrounding neighborhood at night were to know that they are constantly under the eye of some man from this city, and that a card report is ready to be made to their employers of every word and action of theirs during their drunken spree, they would think twice before starting out to paint the town red."

"So you keep a watch over clerks on a spree. Are you engaged by their employers?" asked a Telegram representative. "Yes, the very instant a merchant or other employer suspects that a trusted book-keeper, cashier or clerk is leading a fast life, and it is easy enough to wake his suspicion, he notifies this or some similar office. The employer is shadowed, but not by money. He has no money he has spent, and the character of the company he keeps. Every word and action that he thinks hidden from the eyes of his employer some fine morning and informed to his surprise and dismay that his services are no longer required, or perhaps is put in charge of an officer to answer for robbing the firm little knows that the man he saw at the adjoining table in some corner saloon was there especially to watch him."

"We find it a necessary precaution," said a merchant in the dry goods district when questioned on the subject, "to employ the services of private detectives when we suspect matters are not going all right with some of our clerks. It is a check on them and keeps us advised regarding the character of men we are compelled to trust. I have reports sent to me from a detective agency whenever any one in my employ appears at a disreputable resort. Young men engaged in large houses must reflect that they are watched even in the most secluded of the dens of vice, and that they are robbing themselves with their employers as well as morally."

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SWELLS OF THE PRIZING-ING.
The New School Pugilists Compared With The Old.
New York Star.

With the disappearance of the old-time styles and customs of the prize ring, as well as the manner and kind of its championship and variety, nothing is more surprising to those who were afflicted with the sport have caused them to make it a study than the gradual dying out as well of the phases which, almost since the very commencement of pugilism as a pastime and science, have accompanied and adorned it.

HELVA IN THE WHITE HOUSE.

A Cabinet Meeting of the Period When Women Shall Steer the Ship of State.

Washington Republican.

A servant said the president would be down as soon as she finished trying on her dress. The attorney-general took out her knitting and said: "Well, I might as well be working. No telling how long it will be before the editor interrupted by the servant's announcement: "Her Excellency, the president of the United States."

"Good morning, ladies." "Good morning, Mrs. President." [All in chorus.] "Oh what a lovely dress!" "Yes," said the president, "I thought I would just wear it down and let you all see it. It is pretty, isn't it? Just look at the hang of the train."

"It's perfectly magnificent," said the secretary of war. "Those fine pleatings of crepe de chine give it such a lovely finish. But isn't it just a little short in front?" "Why of course," said the president, with some asperity. "I have them all made that way so as not to have to change when I ride the tricycle."

"I hope it's all right," said the attorney general, "but I'm getting a little worried through her lack of hair, while she wears a piece of the dress between her thumb and finger. "Did you save me a piece for my crazy quilt?"

"Oh, yes," answered the president, "admirably. And now let's get to business, ladies. I haven't much time this morning. I have to sit for my picture at 1 o'clock."

"The most important business I know of," said the secretary of state, "is to decide on a Minister to the court of St. James. You know Lowell has asked to be recalled."

"Oh, yes, I forgot all about that," said the president. "Whom shall we send?" "If it only had been earlier," said the assistant secretary of the Navy, "I would have gone myself, but the season is over by this time, and then I got so horribly seasick."

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