

The Democrat.

SAURDAY, MAY 2, 1886.

A New Wash Bowl. A Washington correspondent of a Cincinnati newspaper says: "An ex-member of congress from Illinois, who is now here, and who has been a friend and companion of Grant's from boyhood, had a long interview with the General a few evenings since, and learned from him that he blames his pretended political friends for his embarrassments. He said he had endeavored to keep out of their meshes, but that they had entrapped him before he knew it, and involved him in his present difficulties. "If," said the general, "I can only manage to get out of this scrape, I promise they don't catch me again." During the pathetic recital of the manner in which he had been overreached by politicians, the General exhibited a deep feeling, and left the impression in the mind of his friend that he would wash his hands of radicalism. He may wash his hands of radicalism, but he cannot wash his soul of it. His meanness and duplicity make him a radical. He is fit for nothing else, and cannot be anything else. If he intends to go into the washing business, he will do well to commence on soap-tubs. The scandal he has put on those vessels should condemn him to the penance of scouring them for the remainder of his life. That would be more honorable employment than his present one as scullion to Jacobism. If he has grace enough left in him to be ashamed of his treachery to the President, and of the effort to fasten a lie on him, he is not utterly abandoned. The probabilities are, however, that it is the exposure of his meanness, and not the consciousness of it, which troubles him.—Chicago Times.

SPLENDID PERORATION.—Senator Hendricks, of Indiana, closed his recent great speech in the Senate, as follows: Mr. President, my colleague has spoken of a column—the column of congressional reconstruction—and has said that "it is not hewn of a single stone, but is composed of many blocks." Sir, I think he is right. Its foundation is the hard flint stone of military rule, brought from the quarries of Austria, and upon that foundation rests the rock from Africa, and it is thence carried to its topmost point with fragments of our broken institutions. That column will not stand. It will fall, and its architects will be crushed beneath its ruins. In its stead the people will uphold thirty-seven stately and beautiful columns, pure and white as Parian marble, upon which shall rest forever the grand structure of the American Union.

It is a good sign to see a man do an act of charity—a bad sign to hear him boast of it. It is a good sign to see an honest man wearing his old clothes—bad to see them filling holes in the windows. It is a good sign to see a man wipe the perspiration from his brow—bad to see him wipe his lips as he comes out of a cellar. It is a good sign to see a woman dress with taste and neatness—bad to see her husband sneer at her for it. It is a good sign to see a man advertise in the papers—bad to see the sheriff advertise for him. It is a good sign to see a man sending his children to school—bad to see them educated at the night school in the street. JOSE BILLING'S SAYINGS.—"Ef a man flatters yu, yu kan kalkerlate that he is a rogue or yu're a fool. Keep both eyes open, but don't see mor'n half yu notice. Ef yu ich for fame, go into a graveyard and scratch yourself against a tumble stone. Young man, be more anxious about the pedegree yu going to leave, than you are about yu somebody's going to leave yu. Sin is like weeds—self sown and sure to cum. About as sure a way to git rich as enny I no of, is to git inter neb for a hundred thousand. Don't swap with yer relaxhuns unless yu kin afford so give him the big end of the trade. A young man in New Haven rushed into a drug store, and in great alarm asked the clerk if benzine was poisonous. "No," said the clerk. "Why?" "Because," said the fellow, "father went to the closet to take down the gin bottle, and by mistake took several swallows of benzine before he knew it." "He's all right," replied the clerk. "The only difference between benzine and modern gin is the smell."

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