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A FIEND OF A FATHER.

The New York Press tells of a farmer who died recently, and who in his will disinherited his daughter for an offense alleged to have been committed fifty years before. The offense consisted in the sending to the old man a valentine, comic, representing a miser counting his gold. She had asked her father for a dress a short time before, and being refused, as he claimed, sent him a valentine. The daughter admitted addressing the envelope, but denied sending the picture. For this offense her father never spoke to her, never forgave her, and in his will bequeathed her "A package to be found in my trunk, tied with green ribbon and sealed with green wax." When this was opened it was found to contain the cause of the trouble, the valentine.

A father who could carry his anger at his child to that extent, who, admitting even that the offense was committed, could steel his heart against a daughter for fifty years of his miserable life, and then from the grave call up the cause of his animosity, can hardly be ranked as human. The foul fiend's face must have been illuminated with a joyous smile as he rammed his three-tined fork into the shriveled soul and set it up to toast. And yet this miserable caricature on humanity was allowed to cumber the earth for fifty years after his little girl offended him, and all this time there was chain lightning going to waste. The small fry of hades should amuse themselves by plastering him with green sealing wax, heated to a turn, and he should have ever before his eyes that comic valentine.

The April state election in Michigan was not of much importance as regards the minor offices at stake, but it had one feature which is of great significance. The regular Democratic convention was controlled by the Bryan element in the party, which stood on the free silver platform adopted at Chicago last year. The sound money men resolved not to support a ticket thus nominated, and named candidates who believed in the principles asserted at Indianapolis when Palmer and Buckner were put in the field. The full official returns of the election have not yet been announced, but enough is known to show that the national Democratic ticket polled at least 30,000 votes. This is a great surprise to all the politicians, as even the most sanguine sound money Democrats did not expect anything like so large a total. Palmer and Buckner received less than 7,000 votes last fall, and some who were prominent in the movement then doubted the wisdom of running a separate ticket in the spring election, not only because it must widen the breach in the party, but also because they feared that such candidates would receive small support. The sound money Democrats who insisted upon carrying through the movement are more than satisfied with the result, vote of 30,000 in a spring election gives promise of twice that number in a vigorous fall campaign, and this means that the independent Democrats may hold the balance of power in Michigan. It certainly shows that a Bryanized party will stand no chance whatever of carrying the state.

The Greeks and Turks have had a bloody battle on the historic field of Pharsala, where Caesar and Pompey fought one of the twelve decisive battles of the world and Pompey went down in defeat. It was disas-

trous to the Greeks, and the crescent triumphed over the cross. The Greeks retired to Domokos, thirteen miles distant, where Prince Constantine will again give battle to the advancing Turks. In consequence of the trend of affairs, the powers have instructed their ministers to offer mediation, and it is quite probable that the war will be ended by this means. The Greeks are far outnumbered, perhaps nearly five to one, which makes their case desperate; but dissensions at home are really more dangerous than the enemy. King George seems to be every inch a scrub, with an eye to increasing his wealth at the expense of his country, knowing, as he does, that the powers will not allow Greece to be destroyed. In our opinion, the war will not last more than a week or two longer, another decisive victory by the Turks being sufficient to compel Greece to accept the friendly offices of the powers and let them settle the dispute. Greece will have lost much in blood and treasure, but King George will have made probably \$10,000,000.

The East Oregonian and Pendleton Tribune are at it hammer-and-tongs, and the fight has descended into criminations and recriminations unworthy of either. The public are not interested in these things, hence we offer our kindly mediations and suggest that each go at their legitimate business, hustling for news.



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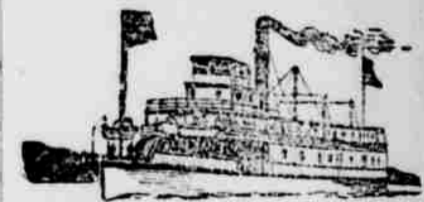
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