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NEW YORK BACKWOODS MEN.

The inhabitants of West Parling, New York, are a funny folk. They live on a mountain, and have no knowledge of politics. The highest bidder gets them always, and the common price at town meeting is \$5. The number of voters in the mountain is estimated at 200. No accurate statement can be obtained, because the mountain voter is, in a measure, omnipresent. He is able to cover at least two voting places, and on a favorable day he has been known to cover four and five. He knows nothing of geographical limits, and he is so little known personally to the ticket-takers that the candidate with a pocketful of five dollar bills has no difficulty in passing him in as a constituent.

There is neither church nor school house on the mountain. The mountaineers know when Sunday comes by the ringing of the church bells in the villages. They tell the hour of the day by looking at the sun. "One hour by sun" is one hour before sunset. Whether the sun sets at 4:30 or 6:30 does not trouble them. There are preachers and churches of various kinds in the villages around. They believe that more souls can be saved to the dollar expended in India than in the mountain.

Although living in poverty and apparent wretchedness, the mountaineers have by no means an unhappy lot. They are extremely social in their instincts. Whole families go visiting together to their neighbors on Sunday, and when, during the week, a woman and the babies visit a neighbor, her husband is always expected to follow at nightfall. But the great pleasure of the mountaineer is dancing. The mountain "shindig," incorrectly called "shindig," is famous all over Dutchess county. Only the more aristocratic of the dwellings will accommodate a "shindig." When one is to be given a fiddle is sent for and a jug of whiskey is brought from the village. At night the center of the chief room of the house, which ordinarily serves as kitchen, parlor and sitting room, is cleared of its table and benches. The young men and women take seats on the benches around the sides of the room. The old grandmother sits knitting in the rocking chair on one side of the fire-place, with the children beside her. An iron teakettle hangs steaming over the glowing back log. A lamp on the mantel helps to light the room. The fiddler climbs to a chair on the table, which is always located opposite the fireplace. His is no light task, and he does not sit any nearer the fire than he is obliged to. Placing his fiddle vertically between his knees, he saws the bow over the strings with his right hand, while with his left he screws the keys until the pitch of each string is correct. Meanwhile the man of the house pours a generous quantity of the whisky into a large bowl, squeezes in a lemon, lades in some brown sugar, and dilutes it all with boiling water from the teakettle. When the fiddle is tuned the punch is passed around. Then the fiddle is placed beneath the fiddler's chin, a preliminary chord is drawn from the fiddle, and then he says:

"Partners for a quadrille." The expectant young men and women take their places with a jump. There is a shaking of skirts and touching of back hair by the young women, the young men hitch up their trousers, and then the fiddler, with a sweep of the bow, a shriek from the fiddle, and a thump of the toe of his heavy boot, says:

"Honors to yer partners." The energy of the command is equalled only by the vigor of movement with which it is obeyed. The floor vibrates as the successive calls of "First four forward," "Right hands across," "Forward and back," and "Swing," are heard; but when the fiddler says "Balance all" the timbers sway and groan to the utmost corner of

the house. No convulsion in nature can equal the crash of the mountain "jig" that is then executed.

JAMES G. BLAINE.

I observe that since the election in Ohio Blaine has picked up prominence in all parts of the country as perhaps the only Republican fit to run. He has at least points of policy. He has views and spirit. Though he has labored under a load of enmity for years, his friends are everywhere. He was Garfield's chief minister and funeral orator. The assassination which cost Garfield his life cost Blaine public office. He laid down the Senate to enter Garfield's cabinet. What his relations to the present administration are matters but little. He now has comparatively a free field in which to make the nomination for 1884. In the state of New York he has no opponents except perhaps the machine friends of Arthur, who might get a delegation against him, but are not likely to see merits in him if they think they can elect him; and they are beginning to see that they can not elect Arthur. If the present administration with its want of popularity and character, should undertake to fight Blaine it will only complete the assassination of the Republican party, which was begun in 1881. I am not expressing any view about Blaine's merits if elected; but the defeat in Ohio seems to have turned him right up as the only man that can rally the forces.

It is, perhaps, too late for Blaine to put new strength into the old party; but he has great capacity to get up a new party, and to sound the cries that will go on the banners. His temperament is the last thing of youth and spirit about the Republican party. Conkling is morbid; Grant has his mind on Mexico; Sherman has retired; John Sherman accepts his fate. Blaine has brains. It has taken the dying energies of the Republican party to defeat him for president. The party broke its back to defeat Blaine. When they turned out the lights at the Cincinnati convention of 1876 to get one night's advantage and beat Blaine, next day they began to run down hill.

The bosses who might have made a truce with Blaine had to serve Blaine's clerks, Hayes and Garfield; and still Blaine is alive, and has been vitalized by the Ohio election. He will get the nomination if he wants it, by the decay of the party that tried to do without him, and finally had no more standard bearers. Instead of Conkling being the Coriolanus of the party, Blaine is going to be. The old maids, the priests, the temperance procession, even the tribunes, are getting ready to march out of the gates to see if they can persuade Blaine to come to the defense of the old citadel. He is as adroit as anybody in the country. He can trim between the business element and his fears, and the populace and their anti-monopoly views, so as at least to split the issues with the Democracy; and if he ever gets on the stump with Cleveland, or Hoadly, or Thurman, or even Tilden, he will make the campaign warm.—*Gath.*

It is never good policy to buy anything because it is cheap. A thing that is not wanted is dear at a cent. Where is the bachelor, keeping rooms by himself, who would give \$5 for a wagon load of calico? Or, in nine cases out of ten, show us a newspaper man who would give ten cents for a horse. Give him a pair of ducks and a sack of potatoes, and he's your friend for life.

The iron ship *T. F. Oakes*, cost, including outfit, \$112,000, or a fraction over \$52 per registered ton. The cost of iron ships is being cheapened, as first-class ones are built in Great Britain for \$52 per ton.—*Oregonian.*

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