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A Different Face on It.

If it be true that the change of heart announced in the New York Independent is due to the interposition of its owner, against the judgment and wishes of its editor, the moral effect of its abandonment of Cleveland's cause will be very slight.

But if it is true, as now stated by eminent and well informed authorities, that Mr. Bowen, the opulent owner and thrifty publisher of the paper, is the man who sees it in another light, the change of mind is not so hard to explain.

It is true that nearly a generation ago Mr. Bowen made some reputation by declaring that while he sold dry goods his principles were not for sale. But even then the cause of his paper was made more profitable by the departure.

Mr. Bowen and his paper have got old and rich and conservative. We can easily imagine a large class of its readers ordering it to be "stopped" when it turned in for Cleveland.

They Had Better Take Care.

With suspicious zeal a number of literary partisan newspapers of this state insist upon the right of a man who happens to be in the federal service in Washington to register and vote pretty much where he chooses, regardless of the obliteration of everything that goes to make residence.

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With patient care earth's precious seed we sow, And hope that time our reward will show; But chequered hopes and fears we must allow, And time, perhaps, at last the golden grain.

It is the fact that a man does not lose a residence by leaving his home to go to Washington for temporary residence during his employment there, it is equally true that if he abandons or obliterates his home and residence in Pennsylvania and cuts or dissolves every tie that binds him to it, he forgoes every right of residence and to vote.

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subject. Already in certain states the foreign stock and their descendants outnumber the native born. Startling as this fact is, it need give no cause for alarm.

To the Sun. The New York Sun: "Let Grover Cleveland withdraw and let Allen G. Thurman be nominated in his place."

We have to say to the Sun that if it had wobbled less before the nomination and had discovered and tied to Allen G. Thurman then, instead of now, it would at least have done its part in leading Democratic sentiment in the way in which it thought it should go; and its skirts would have been clear if anything went wrong.

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There is a serious friction in Paris between Li-Fong-pao, the Chinese ambassador, and Premier Ferry, but nothing was done toward settling the issues between France and China.

It is reported in Paris that the Chinese consul at Peking has given a final refusal to the French to demand indemnity, and that the French legation is about to leave Peking.

The French consul lowered his flag at 1 o'clock to day. The interests of French subjects have been entrusted to the Russian minister. China absolutely refuses to admit the French claims.

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The convention went into the consideration of the report of the committee on subordinate lodge constitution.

An amendment was offered to make the office of master-at-arms the stepping stone to the office of vice chancellor.

In the future the officers inner guard and outer guard shall be elected in the same manner and time as the other officers, and not be appointed, as heretofore.

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