...SCOPE OF THE MASSACHUSETTS FREE LANCE.

...Knight Cast for Chief Mourner at the ...ming Obsequies of the Republican Party.

General B. F. Butler, of Massachusetts, visited General Pryor, in this city, yesterday. An Eagle reporter met the Bay State warrior, who said the campaign had now reached the point where talking at the pickets was in order. "The men on guard," he said, "don't speak about the plans of their commanders, even if they do know them, and the commanders are always in readiness to give their ideas on the point."

"I don't presume to scatter that point in the hosts of the faithful. How is nothing of consequence can now be said. With a worthy candidate and a good sense platform the Democracy will win.

"What do you think about Mr. ...? He is a brilliant and, better still, an honest man. Although he has been before the people of this country in the most important positions for twenty years his public and private character are thoroughly known."

"Do you apprehend any defection from the usual Republican vote in the coming campaign?"

"I think it is the great mistake the Democratic party is likely to make. Blaine is popular and votes in the western and northwestern states, notably Ohio, while in Pennsylvania and New York and, unless the right sort of a man is nominated, California. I fear will go the wrong way.

"What is his strength in this state?"

"None. He could not carry the state against Jefferson Davis. The ex-Confederate soldiers, a strong and powerful body, are against him, the labor organizations will oppose him and the colored people are lukewarm in his support. When you add to this tremendous disunion the full democratic vote of this state you will see that it doesn't take a prophet nor the son of a prophet to see what the issue of the contest will be. The same is true of Massachusetts, but the split there has greater parity and more intensity. The business element never can be reconciled to him, and without its solid support the outlook is not bright."

"Will the citizens of Irish birth who have hitherto voted with the democrats support him?"

"Why should they? What has he ever done for them, or what disclosures more that he can ever advance them in any way? His mother was an Irishwoman and his father was descended from the hard-headed, close-fisted sons of Irish who peopled Pennsylvania as Covenanters and Presbyterians. It is notorious that they have always regarded the old Irish people in every way. Blaine certainly would be agreeable, but his sympathies are Irish, as much pro-English as any other way.

"What do you think of the republican platform?"

"It is like a country store, bidding for the classes of customers, or like the woman who told his patron she had paid their money and might take their choice. There is a sop to the Irish and German in Germany for the moonshiner, a sop for the revenue reformer and a tariff plank that must have been written by Hedge-Kelley, a soul-loving advocate of the importation of foreign coal and a declaration in favor of an honest money. What novelty is in these things? Every-body knows them and the entire country is heartily committed to them. The issue must be fought on a dividing line, shotgunning about reasons of principle never gained a national party adherents or distinctivity.

"What do you think should be the commanding issue?"

"There are two, administrative reform and tariff simplification."

"Who is your candidate for the democratic nomination?"

"The man who can win. The wisdom of the convention alone can decide who that is. If he be the right man he will have a hearty and enthusiastic support from all the democrats in the country."

The Tammany Sachem Becoming Reasonable.

John Kelly, speaking of the democratic situation, assuming Tilden finally out of the field, said that while he had thought a New York man might to head the ticket, yet he recognized the influences against such a choice, and would join the party for any candidate. In reviewing the list of possible nominees, he said:

"I believe Senator Bayard stands better in the light of public opinion than any other man I might name. He is more popular with the democracy than Thurman, McDonald or Carlisle.

"Do you anticipate that Hendricks will be a candidate?"

"No. I am sure he will not be. It would have been willing to have run with Tilden, that the great wrong done to Tilden and honest might be redressed.

Mr. Kelly spoke highly of McDonald and Thurman, but said with regard to the latter that while he was a man of large organizations it would be risky to venture on any candidate coming from a state which was not emphatically democratic.

The same objection applied to Hoadly, Randall and McDonald. Mr. Kelly regards Butler as one of the most popular men in the country still. He had carried Massachusetts once, and would have carried it again but for his pudding money. He thinks in any event that New York, Connecticut and New Jersey may be counted on for the democrats.

Mr. Kelly promises that in regard to state matters in New York and Tammany, will support the Chicago nominee, who ever he may be.

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ANOTHER GOOD TURN.

The Bad Boy Does a ...king on Heavenly Smiles.

"Give me small bills for a five," said the alleged bad boy, as he went into the grocery, followed by two neck-cooking, pleasant faced Sisters of Charity. The grocery man gave him the change, he handed one of the starkly dressed ladies two dollars, received thanks, and the Sisters bowed and smiled and went out, while the boy, poised by his three dollars in a piece of tissue paper and put it in his pocket and entered the grocery man, who seemed to be mad.

"Sweet, you are the darndest fool I ever saw," said the grocery man. "You haven't got sense enough to go in when it rains," and he brushed some crackers, sugar and tea that was on the counter into a barrel on ground, and ... "Now, what in now asked the boy. "Have I got to take my sugar weekly instalments?"

"Confound it, shut up," said the grocery man, as he sallied out into the rain to get and carry in. "Now, the first person that takes you for money you give it to them. Now, there, Sisters, as many cents as you can buy and sell you, every day in the week, and yet they actually ... "I would not give two or three cents for that money. What are the young people with that money. How is ... Why, that boy who spoke to you ... Why, that boy who spoke to you ... Charity had a sign on their wagon ... Charity, and I suppose the Angels in the place ... and they go to the Angels in the place ... and they go to the Angels in the place ... and they go to