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To our Democratic brethren of the county of Ohio—"The man who bestates is lost."

The Democratic county convention being unable to agree upon three candidates for the Legislature, adjourned until Friday. Friday is an unlucky day, gentlemen.

There was no "blind" intended by a Trenton potter who tied his left hand to both his ankles and jumped into the reservoir. He made death sure by rendering it impossible for him to swim out should he repent of his action at the last moment.

When Mr. Calvin S. Brice wants to be Senator he is a citizen of Ohio, but when it comes to paying taxes he belongs to New York. The Supreme Court will probably decide that he is a citizen of one or the other all the time, and a much disputed question will be settled.

The great struggle for the Republican gubernatorial nomination in Pennsylvania will begin in Harrisburg to-morrow. Delamater, Hastings and Stone all say they are sure of winning. Two of them are certain to be disappointed, and that is all of the outcome we are able to predict.

At the home of the greatest "tariff reformer" in the country (Mr. Carlisle) his district was carried Saturday by only two or three hundred. The district of the West Virginia man as leader of the Democrats in the House of Representatives (William L. Wilson) the majority has not since he has been a tariff reformer, been more than 400, except once, and twice it has been less than a hundred, although previously it was good for from 3,000 to 4,000 Democratic majority. These figures are significant.

On the Anxious Bench. The Ohio county Democrats seem to be at a loss for candidates for the Legislature. After nominating Mr. Gardner, it was found necessary to adjourn until Friday in order to give a confused state of affairs plenty of time to get into shape. The embarrassment is not caused by lack of willing statesmen but by a nervousness on the part of the delegates to the convention. The gentlemen who presented themselves for nomination did not, the convention thought, possess the winning qualities that a desperate situation demands. But the men they want refuse positively to run and the willing ones who are not wanted must wait until Friday to see if, after all, the convention will not recognize their merits. In the meantime the willing ones will do some thinking.

The Farmers' Alliance. Our Democratic neighbor does not deny the truth of the INTELLIGENCER's exposure of the Democratic plan of campaign, by which it is proposed to attempt to capture the Farmers' Alliance in this State, but contented with discrediting one of our sources of information, and attempts to construe our report into an attack on the Alliance. Abuse of the INTELLIGENCER is not a denial of the charges made, nor does it disprove them.

This newspaper has not attacked the Farmers' Alliance. On the contrary it has often expressed sympathy for the organization and the members know it. The INTELLIGENCER believes that it has done the Alliance a friendly service in warning it of the conspiracy by a desperate gang of politicians to work it in the interests of the Democratic party and the candidacy of a Standard Oil magnate for the United States Senate.

This Farmers' Alliance is composed of honest men banded together for their mutual protection, and their cause is a "worthy" one. In this State they are among our most intelligent classes of citizens—too intelligent, in fact, to fall into the trap that Chairman Hiley and his committee have set for them. They will not become the tools of the Democratic party, nor of any other party.

Sectional Hatred. In the columns of the Richmond Dispatch of Saturday we find a denunciation of the people of Mitchell county, North Carolina, because of their refusal to pay a special tax for the payment of pensions to Confederate soldiers. Because of this refusal the Dispatch says Mitchell county is a "blot and a disgrace on good old North Carolina;" that "Mitchell is the worst county in the State, and during the war furnished many troops to the Union army."

"We sorely blame our ex-Confederate contemporary for thinking that the people of Mitchell county are lacking in charity when they refuse to be taxed to relieve the destitution of the maimed soldiers of the lost cause and their widows and orphans. That much they might do for their suffering fellow citizens of the county in the name of humanity. But in the Dispatch, or any other paper, justified in exhibiting the amount of bitterness and prejudice it does when it denounces a county as "the worst in the State, because it furnished troops for the Federal Army?"

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POPULAR MEN ON THE ROAD. A Chance for all to Express their Preference—The Most Popular to Receive a Costly Present. In order to ascertain who is the most popular commercial traveler representing a Wheeling house, on the road the following is a list of the names of the men who are to express their preference. A coupon for the purpose will be found below. This may be mailed or left at the office, or as many as may desire, to the office of the publisher, at Wheeling, W. Va. Every person has an opportunity to do a good thing for his best friend, among the general commercial travelers.

Mr. Blaine's Position. Some of the comments made by Democratic papers on Secretary Blaine's letter are amusing, because they demonstrate the ridiculous idea Free Traders have formed of the average Protectionist. According to the Free Trader the Protectionist is the most hide-bound person on earth. He hates all foreigners and does not want foreign trade, and a proposition coming from him which looks to the enlargement of our foreign trade is regarded as rank heresy. The Free Trader imagines that he sees in such a proposition evidence that the Protectionist is drifting his way. A sample of this amusing notion of things is found in the New York Times' article on Mr. Blaine's recent letter. The Times says:

In his letter to the President, which was submitted to Congress on Thursday, Secretary Blaine has shown a complete lack of understanding of the advantages of an unimpeded exchange of commodities between our country and other nations of the Western Hemisphere. That part of this communication which is in the nature of a general statement of the position of the Protectionist is so full of errors and misstatements that it is almost impossible to believe that the author is a man of the rank and position of Mr. Blaine. It is a pity that the President should have been misled by such a statement. It is a pity that the President should have been misled by such a statement.

Of course the Times does not believe in open words. No Protectionist holds that there is no advantage in foreign trade. What Protectionists do hold is that our home industries and trade should not be sacrificed to obtain foreign trade; that the American people should have protection against injurious competition with countries engaged in like branches of industry with themselves, but relying for production upon underpaid and oppressed labor. This injurious competition would not occur between the Republics of North and South America under the reciprocity policy proposed by Mr. Blaine. The articles that would be admitted free from South America are not and cannot be produced in this country to any great extent, and in most instances cannot be produced at all, and for the manufacture of goods we produce South America now relies upon England and other countries in Europe. This is the kind of foreign trade Protectionists want, and Mr. Blaine is in line with them.

AN OPEN POLAR SEA. Argument by an Explorer That the Polar Sea is Open to Navigation. The subject of a lecture delivered by Mr. H. D. Macdonald, on Saturday night at Rye, before the American Yacht Club. "Opportunity," in Mr. Macdonald's judgment, was the improved facilities for Arctic navigation that now exist, making it possible for such experienced Arctic travelers as Melville, Greely, Schwabe, Schley, Berry, Glider, Norris and Bartlett to solve the problem of a Northern passage.

Mr. Macdonald's travels in search of the Northwest Passage have taken him to within 200 miles of the pole. He has made a number of observations from the ship, and has secured a number of specimens of the flora and fauna of the Arctic region. He has also discovered a number of new islands and reefs, and has found a number of new species of plants and animals.

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