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For President of the Senate:

HON. RICHARD H. EDELEN

OF CHARLES COUNTY.

THE NEW YEAR.

Before the TIMES will again greet its patrons, the old year, bearing with it the usual diversity of sad and pleasant memories, will have taken its place as a unit in the ages of the irrevocable, ir retrievable past.

The term year, in its scientific acceptation, denotes the period during which any planet of the solar system makes its circuit about the sun; in its popular and familiar import, it represents one of those units of ever passing, never ceasing time, one score and ten of which go to make up the average duration of man's temporal life.

Hence it is, perhaps, that men are accustomed at this season to resolve upon new rules of conduct and to endeavor to live in more rational conformity with their unstable existence and unknown destiny.

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It is no doubt one of the wisest ordinances of providence that man in his temporal life should know not of the future. In fact an unrevealed and inscrutable fate is ever hovering over us and trust in an all wise and all merciful Providence, it is this that restrains the arrogance of the proud man of science.

To this unique sermon, it becomes us to add that our "New Year's resolutions," so far as they concern our readers, are to use every endeavor to make the TIMES a first-class county newspaper, worthy of the generous support of its patrons; and we hope that among the "New Year's resolutions" of all the delinquent subscribers of our journal is one to settle their subscription bills, henceforth, promptly and cheerfully.

In the course of his speech recently advocating his proposition for a constitutional amendment to place marriage and divorce legislation under federal control exclusively, Senator Dolph made the following curious statement: Quite as great diversity exists in the laws of the States as to the previous residence required on the part of the plaintiff and the character of service required upon the defendant, and as a consequence to the States where divorce is free and easy flock the parties who wish to evade the more stringent laws of other States, and the result is an ever increasing harvest of divorces held to be valid in the States in which they are granted, but which would be declared fraudulent and void in the courts of other States.

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A gentleman in Nevada City, Cal., had the misfortune a few weeks ago to lose by death his wife. A few weeks ago he visited his business and was told by the cashier that at the time of the death of his wife she had accumulated and had on deposit in the institution in her name the sum of \$6,000. The widower was thunderstruck and could hardly believe what the cashier told him. He soon realized the fact, however, when the cashier gave him a certificate of deposit for that amount.

The Tariff Issue.

Some of the Republican journals and party leaders have pretended to be affected with great delight at the clear and unequivocal message of President Cleveland which, they say, by giving conspicuous prominence to the tariff issue in the coming Presidential campaign, will help their cause and give them victory. But it is evident that their more discriminating and sagacious leaders do not look upon the matter in that light and are not sincere in pretending to take that view.

The tariff issue as it now addresses itself to the country has all the merits on one side. It is only the few thousand manufacturing and mining monopolists into whose pockets it puts a portion of the money wrongfully extorted from the people, whose real interest is subserved by the protective system. All the others who give it their support are deluded by the sophisms of political demagogues.

Every one who is at all familiar with the political history of the country knows that the protection of "American labor" did not enter at all into the original conception of the protective theory. It was justified by Mr. Clay, the father of the system, exclusively on the ground of protecting the "infant manufacturing industries" of America; and by its very theory was only to be temporary in its operation, and to cease when the protected industries had passed that infantile period. Nearly 20 years before the civil war, Mr. Clay, by his compromise bill, conceded that the infantile period of nearly all the protected industries had passed and the protective feature was thereby very nearly eliminated from the tariff laws, which were reduced to the revenue standard and so remained until the outbreak of the civil war.

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Where the Democratic loss is to result from emphasizing the tariff issue in the approaching campaign is difficult to show. New York, which is generally conceded to be still the pivotal State, has just been carried by the Democrats by uniformly increased majorities, upon a platform in which the revenue tariff principle was even more strongly emphasized all the way through than in the President's message. So it cannot be a losing card in that State.

A proper modification of the tobacco tax will satisfy North Carolina and Virginia. While it is not certain that the Democrats will need New Jersey, still she is in the Democratic column and can be surely held in the Democratic column in a Presidential contest. In the West the Democrats have everything to gain and nothing to lose by the tariff issue; and this is known beyond a peradventure.

So it is not easy to discover how the Democrats are to suffer by the tariff issue. It is manifest already that the Republicans are fearful of a square fight on this issue. There is already a purpose evident among them to meet the Democrats in Congress by a compromise which may eliminate the issue from the campaign or give it a secondary position. All the Democrats have to do is to be firm and vigilant.

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Death of Ex-Secretary Manning.

The death of Hon. Daniel Manning, ex-Secretary of the Treasury, on Saturday at Albany, N. Y., will be noted with profound regret throughout the country. His ability, integrity, patriotism and great service to the country in the administration of the most important department of the federal government, are titles to respect, the value of which is universally conceded.

His career has additional interest for the illustration it affords of the larger possibilities of American life. He was born in Albany in August, 1831, of parents whose humble circumstances seemed to mark out for all their children obscure lives. But through industry Daniel Manning rose from the position of office-boy in the office of the Albany Atlas to that of editor and manager of the Argus—into which the Atlas was merged—and finally to the responsible and honorable position of Secretary of the Treasury of the United States.

Mr. Manning was intimately associated in political life with Samuel J. Tilden, and first gained prominence in the field of national politics as the recipient in 1880 of the famous letter declining a renomination absolutely. To his effecting the election of Mr. Cleveland to the governorship of New York in 1882 was largely due, and almost wholly due to his influence was the reaffirmation of the "unit rule" in Mr. Cleveland's interest in the Saratoga convention of 1884 which led ultimately to the nomination of Mr. Cleveland by the Chicago convention of the same year. Mr. Manning was chairman of the New York Democratic state committee from 1881 to 1885, which circumstance gave him great power in State politics and enabled him to guide the State convention into the path of success. To him, therefore, more than any other one person, with the exception perhaps of Mr. Cleveland himself, the success of the Union is indebted for its present position in federal politics.

The President recognizing Mr. Manning's financial ability, appointed him in March, 1885, to a leading place in his cabinet. From that time to March, 1888, when partially paralyzed by the illness which was to end his life, he was under the public eye, and won for him and for the administration golden opinions. His reports exhibited the wide scope of his abilities, and gained for him a place among the most honored financiers of our history.

The coming golden jubilee of the ordination of his Holiness Pope Leo XIII, which will occur to-morrow, December 31st, is an event that has been looked forward to with interest by all nations and peoples of the world. What the ultimate results of it are being constructed on a scale of magnificence which bids fair to put all previous demonstrations of the world has never seen in the shade, will be, as affecting the economic and political relations of nations in the future, remains to be seen. Certain it is, however, that the celebration of this important event will be considered of all civilized nations, and that it will be a grand and magnificent display of the power of the papacy in the history of the world.

The czar of Russia, the emperor of Germany, the queen of England, and the sultan of Turkey, the empress of China, and the shah of Persia have contributed gifts for the occasion which surpass any of those as yet given by the Catholic monarchs or potentates, while from all over the world magnificent gifts are pouring in. Our own President has not been remiss. He has sent through the medium of the Vatican, St. Peter's special correspondent, a copy of the United States Constitution. The book is gilt edged, contains fifteen pages, each page eighteen inches square and is bound with a vellum of a cream color. The words "The Constitution of the United States of America" are on the cover in gilt letters. The book rests in a handsome case of Tyrian purple. The few persons who have seen the present speak very highly of its merit as a specimen of what Americans can do in that line, but the great praise it has created has been given the President for the simplicity of his gift.

A special from Bloomfield, Ky., says:—J. A. Allen, of this place, while excavating the foundation for a new mill, struck the dome of a cavern of immense proportions, from which a strong current of cold air issued with great force as the workmen made the opening. Torches were procured, and Mr. Allen and Mr. G. H. Hurst were lowered by means of a windlass. It was about sixty feet from the surface to the floor of the cave, which they found to be level and sandy, as if it was once the bed of an ancient subterranean stream. They followed the main avenue for a distance of over two miles and discovered and opening in a cliff on the farm of Mr. Benjamin Wilson, and a well-beaten path was easily discovered that was once trod by human beings, although it is now in many places covered with forest trees and undergrowth. Mr. Allen and Mr. Hurst, after emerging from the cave, hastened back to the town and reported the result of their discoveries. A large party was at once formed which entered the opening of the cliff on the Wilson farm. On one of the main avenues numerous evidences existed that the place had evidently been the abode of the cave-men, as numerous relics were found in the shape of pottery and bronze articles. A sepulchre was also discovered in a large niche or avenue right angles with them in avenue, and in it are numerous mummified bodies. The formations in the cave are beautiful beyond description. There is a beautiful little lake, with water as clear as a crystal, and, as is usual in cave streams, it is full of tiny, eyeless fish. The streams of the cave will measure, in all probability, about seven miles, so that it may be fairly considered another rival to the Mammoth, and certainly one of the many great cave wonders of Kentucky.

"Laws grind the poor, and rich men rule the laws." But let us be thankful that any poor sufferer can buy with only 25 cents a bottle Salvation Oil.

Sectional Hatred Their Own.

The following letter from C. J. D. Rutledge, a leading lawyer of New York city, and a prominent Republican, contains much truth for the States.

One of the straw which shows the section of the mind is taking. It is the sectional and lowest, contumacious, and different sections of the country have at one time in the recent past about similar conclusions with Mr. Knox that "the objects for which the Republican party was organized have been accomplished, and that there is now no use upon which it is entitled to survive."

I believe that the civil war and the sectional hatreds growing out of it have been the best of our country. It is not of our professed purpose. Not only is it unnecessary taken from the people, it is a great surplus leads to improper expenditures.

On the tariff I also find myself opposed to the Republican party. It is not of our professed purpose. Not only is it unnecessary taken from the people, it is a great surplus leads to improper expenditures.

State Treasurer Archer says the bill of public works will await the will of the Legislature before doing anything Chesapeake and Ohio canal matters, a treasurer can invest in State and more city securities for the sinking fund, but the board of directors will not support any proposition to take the securities of the canal.

At the Christmas entertainment of the First Methodist Episcopal Church of Fairbury, Ill., a little cake was placed on the platform to take the place of the pulpit. It was filled with presents for the children. The cake, being full of cotton and other inflammable material, took fire from the lights, and caused a great stampede among the men, women and children. Hundreds were trampled under foot and a good many badly injured, some of them probably fatally. The church was saved by a great effort, but the windows were completely demolished.

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