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## Watchman de zanournal.

 WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 23, 1884. erick Billinga declining to be a a oandidatefor the governorship at the next election Vermoncora wil hardly be willing to aco-
cept as final the reasons he gives why he shonld not be governor of the state.
We believe that hopes and expeotations have been excited among the people by
the mention of his name in connetion
with the chief executive offioe, whioh will not be easily relinquished, and shall not
be surprised if his letter is followed by a loud and imperative oall from the voters
to be their atandard bearer, in apite of his
soruples, in the coming canvass. He is Vermonter enough to maintain his cit.
inenship in spite of powerful interesta
eleswhere, to yearn for the elevation and advancement of the state in all her inter-
eats and to contribute by speech, influence
and prineely works to the object of hie patriotic desires. It is early yet to settle When that time is fully come, it events
and circumstances shall leaerly poitt to
Mr. Billings as the man after the people's Mr. Billings as the man ater the people
own heart, we trust that they will anil
him and that his answer will be "Here am I. Mr. Billing's remarks in relation
to the mountain and rotation rules ebould
arrest the thoughtful attention of the The renctionary work of the Ohio
demoeratic senatorial cancus was ratified Tuesalay, the 15th instant, by the
election of Henry B. Payne to succeed
George H. Pendleton, whose term will exGeorge H. Pendieton, whose term will ex-
pire March 3, 1885. If Mr. Payye lives
out his senatorial term he will be an octogenarian at its expiration in 1891. The
action of the Ohio democrats and of the officers in facing backwards in the matter
of a just and reasonable regulation of the oivil service of a state or the nation, is
supplemented by the introduction by
demoorata in the national house of repre sentatives of two bills for the repeal of the
civil service act passed a year ago. The
action of the Otio demorata is criticised by the honest and outspoken
press of that party in different parts of the Union. Some emphatic press notees
of this character were printed in The from the Louisville Courier.Journal is
sample of further expression of demo cratic sentiment: "Mr. Payne's nomina
tion is the resalt of the most ocrupt conas compased by the most extravagana
of money known to the legislative istory of any state in the Union." The Argus and $\overline{\text { Patriot's exhibiton of }}$ knowledge" in its last issue, about opin
ions "which seem to overthrow" the characteristio." The opinion which with habitual but transparent guile, it
says "seems "t o overthrow our tax law
and "it is believed by many eminent jurists will be sustained by the full bench,',
but in respect to whioh it does not take believed by many eminent jurists" nont law as an opinion in the celebrated ock Robin case. So far The Watcieve better than, the dictum of the $\mathbf{A}$ rgun,
which has a habit of making sweeping assertions and treating as facts the things
asserted. We are not surprised to learn e extracts from decisions of the federal facolty for getting on the wrong side In questions, legalys and polically. In
this matter of state tanation of corpor-
tions its fatality is especiully conspiou ous, and it is experiencing the common
lot of newspapers whose course is deter mined by motives and princippes other
than those of right and justice. The
more it floundera around, the deeper it sinks in the quagmire of its own creation
Any reading that conflicts with its wrong positions and exposes
and absurdities, it will very naturalually find
"dull." TRE WATCHMAN will, however in a truly fraternal spirit, strive to make
its columns reasonably lively for its es
teemed but somewhat tquaeamish contem porary.
It will be found that the California
railroad tax cases, of whioh the San not have a parallel in any oase that might
come up under the Vermont law. The acta in the case may be of general inter axable property in the state is to be taxe
in proportion to its value, but in asce ading ins vaiue as a basis for taxation
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Notes and Comments.
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