

WILMINGTON, N. C.
TUESDAY MORNING, Oct. 21, 1873.

CRITICISM AS AN OBSTACLE.
We make this extract from the Atlanta Herald, which is "straight out" or nothing:

"On the other hand we find the Radicals successful in Pennsylvania, where the Democracy yielded principle to Liberalism in the hope of making something by it. The party which had made no noise in the State, but which would have made had they stood firmly by the principles which can alone make them formidable. In Ohio they were the incarnation of State sovereignty, in Pennsylvania they truckled to the basest Liberalism, which seems to force the country into a 'choice of evils.'"

This "a opinion as is an opinion"—a genuine Bunsby opinion with all the "wherefores" of that able reasoner. The first thought that strikes any one who knows any thing about the campaign in Pennsylvania is the ridiculous misstatement of fact in the above paragraph. The Pennsylvania Democrats almost word for word ratified the Democratic platform of Ohio. They "stood by their principles."

As to what is said of Ohio Democrats being "the incarnation of State Sovereignty," we have nothing to say here. "This we do know," however, that for the Liberal Democrats like Collins and Ewing and such "party animal" Republicans as Hays and Hamilton, county confederates, "the party" would have been glad to have a more convenient season for its enlightenment.

Critics should know the facts where they affirm. A "choice of evils" is not a choice of evils. Then the Herald tries to create the impression that the defeat in Pennsylvania was the result of truckling to Liberalism. This is not fair, for as we have just said, the Pennsylvania Democrats stood on substantially the same platform as those of Ohio. The real cause of defeat lies, as we showed in our Sunday article on the effect of the elections in the immense power of the Cameron ring and their unscrupulous use of the same.

JAY GOULD RESTORED FROM WALL STREET.
The great speculator Jay Gould is winding up his business preparatory to a retirement from financial life. The first steps have been taken, and Gould has resigned the Presidency of the New Jersey Southern road, the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad having secured control. It is also officially announced by those in close business and personal relations with Mr. Gould that he has retired from Wall Street.

Jay Gould is the shrewdest operator Wall street has had in many years, if indeed he has ever been rivalled in that famous resort of speculators, adventurers and thieves. We think New York and the country ought to be congratulated on the occasion. He is a dangerous man, and there is probably no man alive who could do what he has done.

THE REV. J. S. C. ABBOTT.
The Rev. J. S. C. Abbott, engaged by a Detroit publisher to invent a series of histories of the United States, beginning with Ohio. Invention is the forte of the Rev. Historian. What by the way is the way of making a thrilling and romantic narrative isn't worth any man's trial. The only point we wish to make here is a request to the publisher that he should not allow individuals who in blissful ignorance of the J. S. C. character, to give their names to the history.

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of the horses of such a wagon running away with their ghastly burden is said to have been witnessed, the dead being thrown from the tambo into the road, and some caught by their drapery, dragging on after the clattering wheels.

With one or two shameful exceptions, the clergy of Memphis have fully done their duty, and all praise is due to the indefatigable Sisters of Charity, who have never for a moment finished from their mournful, self-imposed task of relieving the sorrows of the sick and dying. The priests and preachers have been everywhere, at all hours of day and night, wherever their services were needed. As nurses, messengers, and spiritual advisers they have done all they could, and fear of them have fallen victims to the fever.

A WOMAN'S RECOVERY.
The trial of Emma Orlik on the charge of arson in the first degree occupied the General Sessions the greater part of the day. The main facts in evidence are as follows: Miss Orlik occupied three rooms of the first floor of the residence No. 112 Second avenue, the other apartments being tenanted by families named McDonald, Lothman, and Leason. She had kept a room for herself, entertaining her brother and another person as boarder. For four years or more she had her furniture and wearing apparel insured for \$700. About the first of August she announced to her neighbors an intention to move, the absence of her boarders and the occasional removal of trunks and boxes were then ascertained.

On the night of the 28 of August Miss Orlik, a young lady belonging to one of the families of the house, to sleep with her, saying that she was afraid to sleep alone. Miss Orlik consented, and the two went to bed together about half past 11 o'clock. Miss Orlik said she could not sleep with a light burning, and before retiring removed a kerosene lamp from the bed room to one of her adjoining rooms, leaving the communicating door open. Miss Orlik went to bed and was awakened by her bedfellow getting into bed a second time with a strong smell of smoke about her clothes. She said nothing, but lay awake. In about fifteen minutes she got up and again found the room filled with smoke. She then went into the room where the lamp was, and when she returned to bed the smell of smoke about her clothing was so strong that Miss Orlik was thoroughly awakened and somewhat alarmed by it. After lying down again Miss Orlik seemingly went into a heavy sleep. Within two minutes Miss Orlik heard a crashing noise in the room where the lamp was, and rising in bed she saw flames and smoke. She sprang out of the bed and shook Miss Orlik until signs of wakefulness were given. They ran into the hall and shouted "Fire," and called to her mother.

She was so terrified that she could not bring assistance. The fire was confined to one of Miss Orlik's trunks, and was speedily extinguished, having burned nothing but the trunk and a small spot on the floor. Another spot on the floor, a few feet from the trunk was saturated with kerosene, but was not burned. The next day the charred trunk contained two or three handfuls of charred and burned material, and the frame was charred and blackened. Miss Orlik went to the insurance company, Mr. Joseph Hartman, and told him she had had a fire, and by his direction prepared a check for the burned property which made it amount to over \$500. The result of Fire-Marshal Sheldon's inquiries was Miss Orlik's arrest.

Mr. Kintling, in view of the overwhelming proofs against his client, vainly entreated her to plead guilty of arson in the third degree, being encouraged thereto by a quest promise that the defendant should not exceed three years in the State prison. But the little woman was firm in her declarations that she was entirely innocent, and insisted upon a trial. The present trial is a verdict of guilty without a minute's hesitation, and Recorder Hackett sentenced her to imprisonment for life. In doing so he said that in reviewing the advice of her counsel she had shown a heart hardened for crime, and the only place for her, remaining the safety of the community at large, was a strong barred prison. She was carried out of the court room in a half-fainting condition.

DRILLING SEA-WAY.
A wealthy farmer of Malberry Grove, Illinois, went with his wife to plow near their house, and returned, saying that her husband had remained to look at his cattle. The following day a pool of blood was found under the tree near which the horse had been, but a careful search by a large number of people for several days failed to discover the man. A month after a little girl was passing over a beam with a dog, and the horse was attracted to a certain furrow in the plowed garden, by the odor of decaying animal matter. Search was made and the body of the man was discovered.

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murdered man was found. He had been plowed in by one Williams, father-in-law to the victim. Another man named Henlon, who was sold in love with Wood's wife, and whose passion had been returned. It is thought that he is the murderer, and that Williams who had a quarrel with Wood, was only an accomplice while Mrs. Wood knowingly deplored her husband to his death. Williams and the woman have been arrested, and Henlon's wife, the mistress, is held for trial.

SPANISH DANCE.
Di Murka, they say, has some drops of gipsy blood in hereditary blood. The whole story is a matchless. The head cook of the Charlton Club, London, is paid a salary of \$7,000 a year. Colorado has forty-two newspaper editors and no poor-house accommodations to speak of. Naturalists, after years of investigation of the anatomy and morphology of eels, have discovered that they are of no sex.

A FRENCH GUNNERS HOUSE OFFICER.
An inquiring spirit of mind, nothing short of a large herd of sucking hares, wanted to find out what the animals lived on. He opened several and found their stomachs full of cigars. A French gunner's house officer, on an inquiring spirit of mind, nothing short of a large herd of sucking hares, wanted to find out what the animals lived on. He opened several and found their stomachs full of cigars.

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