

The Sentinel.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 9.

THE JOURNAL'S PLATFORM.

ADVICE TO THE SENATE.

The senate should indefinitely postpone the bill repealing the resumption law, and then congress should give the people rest.

THE BLAND BILL.

The remonetization of silver under the terms of the Bland bill will be more disastrous in its consequences than the option to the repeal of the resumption act. It might in its present form properly be termed an act to reduce the value of greenbacks six per cent.

THE VOTE ON THE BLAND BILL NOT FOR THE INTERESTS OF THE COUNTRY.

The members of congress, no doubt, think they are representing the will of their constituents and that the masses of the people in the west are in a majority of the resolution to repeal and a remonetization of silver under the terms of the Bland bill. This is probably true in certain districts; but, taking the country at large, it is not true. But if it was true, it does not follow that it is right or for the best interests of the whole people.

REPUBLICAN NERVE.

Where the republicans have had nerve enough to give the people demanding a forward march to resumption they have won in the contest. We think the time has come for the republicans of Indiana to take a position as a party and stand by the administration on the financial question. The position is right, and it is only a question of time when it must prevail.

QUIET AN HONOR WAS RECENTLY WON BY A LITTLE GIRL SCARCELY FIFTEEN YEARS OF AGE IN NEW YORK. She was one of eight hundred applicants for the free scholarship to the conservatory of music in that city. She proved herself so capable and talented that she received the coveted prize.

DURING THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER THE LOSSES BY FIRE IN THE UNITED STATES AND CANADA AMOUNTED TO \$7,216,000. THE INSURANCE COMPANIES LOST ON THIS AGGREGATE \$4,850,000. THIS IS LARGELY IN EXCESS OVER THE LOSS OF NOVEMBER '76, AND THE AMOUNT THAT THE INSURANCE COMPANIES LOST IS ALMOST DOUBLE THAT OF THE YEAR PREVIOUS.

THE GOOSE HAS BEEN FOR AGES THE INVETERATE ENEMY OF ROBBERS, WHETHER THEY ATTEMPTED TO BURGLARIZE A NATION OR INDIVIDUAL. THE LAST EXPLOIT OF THIS AMATEUR DETECTIVE FORCE WAS AT ANNAPOLIS, MARYLAND, WHERE A HOUSE WAS SAVED FROM THE BURGLAR'S PRYING FINGERS BY THEIR CACKLING. HE FOUND HE COULD NOT STOP THEM AFTER THEY WERE ONCE AROUSED, AND HE DISCREETLY LEFT.

THE YOUNG LADIES OF THE COUNTRY MUST CERTAINLY HAVE A KINDLY FEELING FOR MRS. JANE GREY SWISSHEIM. A FEW WEEKS AGO SHE MADE A MOST CRUEL AND UNWARRANTED ATTACK UPON THE IRISH GIRLS OF THE UNITED STATES. SHE IS NOW TURNING HER ATTENTION TO SCHOOL GIRLS. SHE SAYS: "VASSAR COLLEGE IS A COLLEGE AT Poughkeepsie, WITH FIVE HUNDRED YOUNG 'LADY STUDENTS—PRINCIPALLY FOOLS.'

THE PRESIDENT OF THE NEW YORK BOARD OF HEALTH IS TRYING TO FREE THE MINDS OF THE PEOPLE FROM THE IDEA THAT THE WARM WEATHER OF DECEMBER WAS PREJUDICIAL TO INVALIDS. HE SAYS THAT NEW YORK CITY HAS NEVER BEEN SO HEALTHY AS AT PRESENT, AND THAT THE SICK AND DEATH ROLLS ARE DOWN VERY LOW. CHILDREN HAVE BEEN EXEMPT FROM AN UNUSUAL DEGREE OF SICKNESS, AND THE GENERAL HEALTH OF THE PEOPLE WAS REPORTED BETTER THAN AT A CORRESPONDING TIME LAST YEAR.

VICTORIA WOODHULL'S LECTURING TOUR IN ENGLAND HAS PROVEN IN EVERY REGARD A FAILURE. SHE HAS BEEN GREETED BY ROUGH, COARSE AUDIENCES; SHE HAS NOT MADE MONEY ENOUGH TO PAY HER EXPENSES, AND HAS BEEN FORCED TO REMAIN IN SECLUSION OR ELSE ASSOCIATE WITH THOSE AS VULGAR AS HERSELF. SHE SAYS SHE EXPECTED DIFFERENT TREATMENT AFTER THE POPULAR FEELING IN SYMPATHY WITH MRS. BESANT. THE DIFFERENCE, HOWEVER, SHE DOES NOT SEEM TO COMPREHEND BETWEEN HERSELF AND THAT LADY, WHO IS EVERYWHERE REGARDED AS A PURE WOMAN.

ALL THE CHURCHES AND SCHOOLS OF TOPEKA, KANSAS, HAVE BEEN CLOSED ON ACCOUNT OF THE ALARMING PREVALENCE OF SCARLET FEVER. THERE WILL BE NO MORE PUBLIC GATHERINGS UNTIL IT ABATES. PATRONS OF THE PUBLIC LIBRARY OF THAT CITY HAVE BEEN NOTIFIED THAT IN CASE THEY HAVE THE FEVER IN THEIR FAMILY THEY CAN NOT TAKE OUT ANY MORE BOOKS UNTIL THE DISEASE DISAPPEARS; AND THAT IF THEY HAVE BOOKS IN THEIR POSSESSION BEFORE RETURNING THEM THEY MUST THOROUGHLY DISINFECT THEM BY EXPOSING THEM TO THE OPEN AIR, AND KEEPING THEM FROM THE ROOMS WHERE PERSONS ARE ILL.

SOME INTERESTING STATISTICS HAVE BEEN GLEANED FROM THE REPORT OF THE CORONER OF ST. LOUIS. DURING THE YEAR 1877 HE HAS HELD 441 INQUESTS, THERE BEING 284 DEATHS WITHOUT MEDICAL ASSISTANCE, AND 149 ACCIDENTS AND 19 CASES OF INFANTICIDE. SIXTY-ONE MEN COMMITTED SUICIDE, AND ONLY SEVEN WOMEN; AND THE FAVORITE MEANS OF SELF-DESTRUCTION WAS DROWNING, 19 PERSONS HAVING CHOSEN THIS. NEXT COMES 17 BY SHOOTING, 16 BY POISON AND 12 BY HANGING. THE PALM OF BEING THE BIRTHPLACE OF THE LARGEST NUMBER OF SUICIDES WAS CARRIED OFF BY GERMANY, AS 34 OF THE 68 WERE BORN IN THAT COUNTRY. THERE WERE 14 AMERICANS ON THE LIST, SIX IRISHMEN AND ONLY ONE FRENCHMAN. THERE WERE 20 MURDERS IN THE CITY, NINE BEING COMMITTED BY THE KNIFE, SIX BY THE PISTOL AND FOUR BY THE CLUB.

THE SERIES OF FAILURES IN CENTRAL KENTUCKY THAT HAVE RECENTLY BEEN REPORTED IN OUR COLUMNS ARE DUE TO THE BLOWN BRIDGE. A COMMITTEE OF WHOM ARE NOW AT THE DOOR OF THE LEGISLATURE ASKING AID. THEY AFFIRM THAT UNLESS A STAY LAW IS PASSED THE BLUE GRASS REGION—ONE OF THE RICHEST AGRICULTURAL DISTRICTS IN THE WORLD—is IN DANGER OF UNIVERSAL BANKRUPTCY.—CINCINNATI GAZETTE.

NOW WHERE IS HENRI WATTERSON, THE AUTHOR OF THE "PIGGIN" POLICY? HENRI SWORE BY "BLUE GRASS." HIS SOUL WAS ENAMORED OF "BLUE GRASS." HE WANTED TO LIVE AND DIE IN "BLUE GRASS." WHEN THE "BRASS-HOOSED PIGGIN" BURST AT THE FOUNTAIN! HENRI SOUGHT CONSOLATION IN "BLUE GRASS." WHEN THE ONE HUNDRED THOUSAND UNARMED KENTUCKIANS DID NOT RESPOND TO HIS CALL TO INAGURATE TILDEN HENRI FELL BACK UPON "BLUE GRASS" AND THANKED GOD THAT IT WOULD SPROUT AND BUD AND BLOSSOM. NOW WE SEE THAT THE BLUE GRASS REGION IS IN TROUBLE, WHERE IS HENRI?

THE SITUATION AND THE OUTLOOK.

Congress reassembles on the 10th inst. If we are to believe the half that is reported the fight between Conkling and Hayes will be renewed. Hayes will prove stubborn, and Conkling's aggressiveness will have a keener edge. What of it? Simply this: Radicalism will be employed in destroying itself. But it seems that efforts are to be made by democratic senators to keep it off its feet and rescue it if possible from utter annihilation. The Washington Post is a zealous advocate of protecting Hayes by antagonizing Conkling. It professes to see the shadows of wonderful events that are coming. As for instance, Conkling is going to bring about a solid north in his favor, which will make him president in 1880. Hence the necessity of suspending Hayes by antagonizing Conkling. This is pure poppycock and unadulterated gush. The policy of the democratic party is to permit the radical party, like Kilkenny cats, to destroy itself. The good Lord will remove some of the leaders, others will be sent to the penitentiary, others still will be retired from service by democratic victories, and in due time the ascendancy of the democratic party will be secured. It should be understood that the reign of the bloody shirt is ended. There is absolutely no such thing possible as a solid north against the south. Carpet-bagism is played out. The reign of common sense has commenced. The policy of the democratic party is not a solid north or a solid south, but a solid country—a union of hearts, a union of interests, a union of prosperity, a union in which the principles of free government shall be indestructably established—against which the waves of fanaticism may beat forever without disturbing or endangering their perpetuity. The democratic party can not afford to endorse Hayes. It has compelled him in one or two instances to abandon the wrong and pursue the right, but for this he deserves no more credit than attaches to a burglar for surrendering his plunder to the officers of the law. It does not obscure the damning stamp of fraud that J. Madison Wells and his co-conspirators burned into his forehead and made as ineffaceable as the fiery track of a lava flow. Let Conkling and Blaine and Chandler curse him, let them spit upon him and denounce him. Let the hot breath of the people's scorn burn him. Let him stand in the pillory while honest men wag their heads and pronounce his punishment just and righteous the only man that ever mounted into power on a ladder of soul damning lies. It is enough for the democratic party to watch him, stand guard over him, keep him from pursuing a policy of devilishness, and compel him to hesitate when he intimates any wrong act. To induce him is contamination. He is in office by fraud. He is a pirate on the quarter deck of the ship of state. Fortunately he can not steer the ship among radical shoals and breakers. Look at him. The country wants relief from the curse of contraction. Hayes proposes to reverse their will by a veto. The venal creature of bondholders and money sharks, he proposes for their benefit to veto the remonetization of silver and the bill to repeal the resumption law; and the Journal of this city advocates the veto programme. The democratic party need not be uneasy about 1880. Radicalism has no more chance to win with Conkling or any other man than the devil has to transfer his dominion to heaven. The democratic party is in a position to make Hayes "tote level." Beyond that they need have no concern about him.

THE QUESTION OF INTEREST.

RECENT EVENTS ARE FORCING INTO PROMINENCE THE QUESTION OF INTEREST UPON LOANS. TO THE WEST THE SUBJECT IS ONE OF VITAL CONCERN. IT IS THE DEBTOR SECTION. IT OWES VAST SUMS OF MONEY TO EASTERN CAPITALISTS AND MONEYED INSTITUTIONS. IT DESIRES TO PAY, BUT UNDER A FINANCIAL POLICY THAT CRUSHES EVERY INTEREST AND PARALYZES EVERY DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS, IT HAS BECOME, IN A LARGE NUMBER OF INSTANCES, IMPOSSIBLE TO PAY THE INTEREST ON THE INDEBTEDNESS, AND AS A CONSEQUENCE THE PROCESS OF FORECLOSING MORTGAGES IS STEADILY GOING FORWARD. IT IS FAIR TO ASSUME THAT THE STATES OF INDIANA, OHIO, KENTUCKY, MICHIGAN, WISCONSIN, IOWA, KANSAS, MISSOURI AND ILLINOIS OWE EASTERN CAPITALISTS, INDEPENDENT OF STATE MUNICIPAL AND RAILROAD INDEBTEDNESS, FULLY \$180,000,000, AN AVERAGE OF \$20,000,000 EACH, SECURED BY MORTGAGE UPON THE PROPERTY OF THE PEOPLE, WHICH AT THE TIME THE DEBTS WERE CONTRACTED REPRESENTED FULLY THREE TIMES THE AMOUNT OF THE OBLIGATIONS, BUT WHICH NOW, IF OFFERED FOR SALE, WOULD BARELY REALIZE ENOUGH TO SQUARE ACCOUNTS.

IT IS FAIR TO ASSUME THAT THE AVERAGE RATE OF INTEREST UPON THE INDEBTEDNESS NAMED IS 10 PER CENT. IN MANY INSTANCES, INCLUDING COMMISSIONS, ETC., A MUCH HIGHER RATE HAS BEEN PAID. BUT OMITTING SUCH CONSIDERATIONS, THE PROBLEM IS SUFFICIENTLY FORMIDABLE AT THE RATE NAMED, TO EXCITE THE GRAVEST ALARM, AND MAKE ITS SOLUTION UNDER PRESENT CIRCUMSTANCES AN IMPOSSIBILITY, EXCEPT THAT WHICH PASSES THE BULK OF THE PROPERTY, HELD AS SECURITY UNDER THE OPERATION OF LAW, INTO THE HANDS OF EASTERN CAPITALISTS. ASSUMING, AS WE HAVE DONE, THAT THE INDEBTEDNESS OF THE PEOPLE OF THE STATES NAMED AMOUNTS TO \$180,000,000, IT WILL BE SEEN THAT IT REQUIRES AN ANNUAL DRAIN OF \$18,000,000 TO PAY THE INTEREST. WE MAY HAVE PLACED THE INDEBTEDNESS TOO HIGH OR TOO LOW; OUR PURPOSE IS TO APPROXIMATE FACTS. BUT THE REAL QUESTION WHICH WE DESIRE TO DISCUSS IS THAT OF INTEREST. MANIFESTLY 10 PER CENT. WILL ULTIMATE IN WIDESPREAD RUIN. IN FACT, IN THIS REGARD WE ARE NOT LEFT TO CONJECTURE. THE DISASTERS CONSEQUENT UPON THE DEBTOR'S INABILITY TO PAY INTEREST AT THE RATE NAMED SET IN MONTHS AGO, AND HAVE SINCE FOLLOWED EACH OTHER IN RAPID SUCCESSION. IF EASTERN CAPITALISTS DETERMINE TO MAINTAIN THE EXORBITANT RATE OF INTEREST, AS AN INEVITABLE RESULT THEY WILL BE COMPELLED, IN A VAST MAJORITY OF CASES, TO ACCEPT THE PROPERTY IN LIQUIDATION OF THEIR MORTGAGES. AND JUST HERE A QUESTION IS PRESENTED

WHICH THEY WOULD DO WELL TO CONSIDER. IF THE OWNERS OF THE PROPERTY IN QUESTION HAVE BEEN UNABLE, BY PRUDENT ATTENTION, TO MAKE IT PAY 10 PER CENT, HOW CAN NON-RESIDENT OWNERS OBTAIN FROM IT THAT RATE? AS A PLAIN BUSINESS PROPOSITION IT IS MANIFESTLY IMPRACTICABLE. IT DOES NOT COMMEND ITSELF TO COMMON SENSE VIEWS OF BUSINESS, AND BUSINESSMEN AND CAPITALISTS, UNLESS THEIR GREED OBSCURES THEIR JUDGMENT, WILL CONCLUDE THAT IF A LOWER RATE OF INTEREST WILL SECURE PROMPT PAYMENT THEIR WELFARE WILL BE BETTER SUBSERVED THAN BY EXACTING A HIGH RATE OF INTEREST, ULTIMATING IN THE TRANSFER OF THEIR PROPERTY TO THEIR OWNERSHIP. REFERRING AGAIN TO THE ASSUMED INDEBTEDNESS OF THE STATES MENTIONED, IT MIGHT BE POSSIBLE FOR THE DEBTORS TO PAY SEVEN PER CENT, OR \$12,600,000 ANNUALLY; WHEN 10 PER CENT, OR \$18,000,000, WOULD BE AN IMPOSSIBILITY, AND EVEN THE LOW RATE MENTIONED IS FULLY THREE PER CENT ABOVE THE ADMITTED AVERAGE INCREASE OF WEALTH IN THE COUNTRY. BUT AS SEVEN PER CENT COULD BE PAID, WHILE 10 PER CENT AS A RULE IS AN IMPOSSIBILITY, WE CONCLUDE THAT CAPITALISTS WOULD CONSULT THEIR FINANCIAL WELL-BEING BY REDUCING THE RATE. BUT THE SUBJECT HAS A STILL WIDER SIGNIFICANCE, FOR WE ASSUME THAT WHATEVER MAY BE THE DESIRE OF CAPITALISTS TO REALIZE LARGE DIVIDENDS THEY ARE NOT ALL SHYLODS, AND DO NOT DESIRE TO IMPOVERISH THOSE WHO EMPLOY THEIR CAPITAL IN LEGITIMATE ENTERPRISES. BY EXACTING 10 PER CENT, HOWEVER, THEY ARE PURSUING A POLICY THAT DIRECTLY TENDS TO THAT RESULT. BUSINESSMEN THROUGHOUT THE WEST FIND THEIR PROPERTY SHRINKING IN VALUE, THE RESULT OF A POLICY THEY HAVE OPPOSED. UNABLE TO APPLY THE NEEDED REMEDY THEY ARE COMPELLED TO SEE THEIR FORTUNES DISAPPEAR AND THEIR BUSINESS PARALYZED. STRUGGLING AGAINST ADVERSE INFLUENCES THAT THEY CAN NOT CONTROL THEY FIND THAT 10 PER CENT INTEREST IS LARGELY IN EXCESS OF WHAT THEY CAN PAY AND GO ON. TO REDUCE THE RATE IS THEREFORE NOT ONLY THE PART OF WISDOM, BUT A NECESSITY FROM WHICH THERE IS NO ESCAPE BUT IN BANKRUPTCY. WE BELIEVE THAT A PRUDENT AGITATION OF THIS VITAL QUESTION WOULD ATTRACT THE ATTENTION OF CAPITALISTS, AND RESULT IN SUCH MODIFICATIONS AS WOULD PROVE OF INCALCULABLE VALUE TO BOTH THE CREDITOR AND THE DEBTOR.

TRUE AS GOSPEL.

THE PRESS AND THE PULPIT.

(Fairfield (Me.) Chronicle.)

He was manager of a church fair, and one morning he walked into the newspaper office and said:

"Want an item this morning?"

"Of course," replied the editor. Whereupon the visitor laid the following note upon the table:

"The ladies of the — Street church will give a festival at their vestry hall next Friday evening. Literary and musical entertainments will be provided and a supper will be served to all who desire. The ladies in charge of the affair have much experience in such matters and are sure to provide a good time. The admission will be only 15 cents, and it is certain that no one can spend that amount to a better advantage. Be sure to go and take your friends."

When the editor had read it, he said:

"Oh, I see, an advertisement."

"No; not an advertisement. We prefer to have it go in the local column," replied the manager.

And seeing that the editor looked skeptical, he continued:

"It will interest a great many of your readers and help a good cause; besides, we have spent so much money getting up our entertainment that we can't afford to advertise it without increasing the price of the tickets. In such a matter as this we ought to be willing to help each other."

"Well," said the editor, "if it goes into the local, I suppose you would reciprocate by reading a little notice in your church next Sunday."

The visiting brother asked what notice, and the editor wrote and handed him the following:

The Weekly Chronicle for the coming year will be the best and cheapest newspaper in Maine. Its proprietor has had much experience, and has all the help which a large outlay of money can procure. His paper has a larger circulation than any other published in the country, and is to be furnished at only \$2. It is certain that no one can spend that amount to better advantage. Be sure to take the Chronicle and subscribe for your friends."

The manager hemmed and hesitated, and then said, solemnly, "that he doubted whether it would be judicious to read such a notice, but suggested that if it was printed copies of it might be distributed at the door of the vestry on the evening of the entertainment."

"Yes," said the editor, "but it would attract more attention in the middle of a sermon. It will interest a large number of your congregation and help a good cause; and, besides, so much money is spent upon the Chronicle that I don't see how the owner can afford to print handbills to advertise it without increasing the subscription price. In such a matter as this we ought to be willing to help each other."

Then the gentleman saw the situation.

Necrology.

FRANCE HAS LOST THIERS; LITERATURE, JOHN LOTHROP MCLELLAN; ROBERT DALE OWEN; JOHN S. ABBOTT; THOMAS BARRIÈRE; SAMUEL WARREN; LADY STRALING MAXWELL; ALEXANDER BAN; JULIA KAVANAGH; SCIENCE, LEVERIER; FERGUSON; THE ALTAR AND PULPIT, ARCHBISHOP BAYLEY; CARDINAL SFORZA; DR. WILLIAM SMITH; CONTEMPORARY POLITICS, OLIVER P. MORTON; WILLIAM MUEHLBEN; G. BROWLOW; EMERY WASHBURN; LEWIS V. BOYCE; GEORGE ODGER; JOHANN JACOBY; PICARD; JOURNALISM, WALTER BAGEHOT; BULZON; THE STAGE, EDWARD ADAMS; E. L. DAVENPORT; BEN DE BAR; LUCILLE WESTERN; MATILDA HERON; G. L. FOX; MME. TERESA TITIENS; THE ARMY, VON STEINMETZ; VON WRANGEL; AURELLE PALLADINES; N. B. FORREST; AGUILERA; THE NAVY, CHARLES H. DAVIS; L. M. GOLDSBOROUGH; CHARLES WILKES; RAPHAEL SEMMES; THE COLLEGES, JAMES ORTON; PRESIDENT ASA D. SMITH; ALEXIS CASWELL; ISAAC W. JACKSON; TAYLOR LEWIS; SANBORN TENNEY; THE BUSINESS WORLD, CORNELIUS VANDERBILT; HENRY MEIGGS; MOSES H. GRINNELL; WILLIAM B. OGDEN; FLETCHER HARPER; WILLIAM LONGMAN; INVENTION, ROSS WINANS; R. P. PARROTT; AND MORMONISM, BRIGHAM YOUNG.

Hard Times.

THE CRY OF "HARD TIMES" CONTINUES TO COME FROM ENGLAND. IN ITS SURVEY OF THE INDUSTRIAL SITUATION THE LABOR NEWS RECORDS DISCONTENT AND STRIFE IN SEVERAL PLACES. IN NORTHUMBERLAND, IT SAYS, THE COLLIERY MECHANICS HAVE ACCEPTED A REDUCTION IN WAGES, AND THROUGHOUT THE DISTRICT OF THE NORTHERN BOARD OF ARBITRATION THE IRON WORKERS' WAGES ARE LIKELY TO BE RECONSIDERED AT AN EARLY DATE. THE TEXTILE TRADES ARE GENERALLY DEPRESSED, AND AT ROCHDALE SOME MILLS ARE ON SHORT TIME. IN THE FOREST OF DEAN AND SOUTH WALES GREAT DISTRESS STILL PREVAILS, AND MEASURES HAVE BEEN TAKEN FOR ITS RELIEF. AT SHEFFIELD A LARGE NUMBER OF PUDDLERS AND SHINGLERS HAVE RECEIVED NOTICE OF A REDUCTION, AND UNDER PRESENT CIRCUMSTANCES IT IS LIKELY TO BE ACCEPTED. IN THE BUILDING TRADES SEVERAL IMPORTANT STRIKES STILL CONTINUE, AND LABOR IS CONTINUALLY COMING AND GOING ON THE WORKS AFFECTED. AT STAFFORD THE BOAT AND SHOE TRADE IS ESPECIALLY SLACK, AND AT BRIMINGHAM MANY OF THE STAPLE INDUSTRIES ARE BUT INDIFFERENTLY EMPLOYED.

Russian Divorces.

DIVORCES ARE NOT ALLOWED IN RUSSIA, BUT A MARRIAGE CAN BE ANNULLED FOR INFIDELITY; AND SO DIVORCES ARE PRETTY FREQUENT. IT IS ONLY A QUESTION OF MONEY, LIKE MOST RUSSIAN THINGS. IN LITHUANIA AND SOME PARTS OF LITTLE RUSSIA IT IS THE CUSTOM FOR THE BRIDE'S NEAREST RELATIVE TO GIVE HER A SLAP ON THE FACE AT THE MOMENT OF LEADING HER TO A PRIEST, THE OBJECT OF THIS BEING TO ESTABLISH IN A CASE OF NEED, THAT THE BRIDE MARRIED UNDER COMPULSION—WHICH WOULD BE ENOUGH TO BREAK THE MARRIAGE. RUSSIANS THEMSELVES ASSURE STRANGERS THAT THE SLAP IS ONLY A REMINDER TO THE BRIDE TO BEHAVE WELL IN FUTURE; BUT THE TRUE SENSE OF IT IS THAT IT IS JUST STATED, FOR OTHERWISE THE REMINDER WOULD PRESUMABLY BE GIVEN BY THE BRIDEGROOM.

THE POPE'S HEALTH.

CONFICTING ACCOUNTS OF HIS CONDITION—TEMPORARY CESSION OF THE CRISIS—THE NEW CARDINALS—PIO NOVO'S DAYS EVIDENTLY NUMBERED—WHO SHALL SUCCEED HIM?

ROME, DEC. 13, 1877.—VERY CONTRADICTORY REPORTS CONCERNING THE HEALTH OF HIS HOLINESS THE POPE HAVE KEPT THE TELEGRAPH CONSTANTLY IN MOTION BETWEEN ROME AND THE OTHER ITALIAN STATES. BUT THE PERPLEXITY CAUSED BY OPPOSITE VIEWS HAS BEEN NOTHING COMPARED TO THE AGITATION AT THE FOOT OF THE ANTONIAN COLUMN AND AROUND THE FOUNTAINS OF THE AQUA VERGINE. SWARMING CROWDS AND SWAYING LINES FOLLOW IN DENSE MASSES BY MOONLIGHT UNDER THE TOWERING BUILDINGS WHICH GIRD THE PIAZZA, OR PEOPLE SUDDENLY RUSH FORTH EPILEDICALLY INQUIRING, GESTICULATING, SHAKING FISTS, THEN SUBSIDE INTO A LOW GRUMBLE, WHILE RAGED NEWSBOYS CRY OUT THE NAMES OF HALF A DOZEN ORGANS, ALL OF WHICH ARE EQUAL DISCORDANT. THE JOURNAL WHICH SELLS MOST AT PRESENT, THOUGH IT PUBLISHS ABOUT 100,000 COPIES, HAS BEEN PUBLISHED SINCE THE LAST EDITION, WHICH WAS "LA LUPE (THE WOLF)." IT IS A SENSATIONAL PAPER AND MINDS NOT WHOM IT DEVOURS. THEN COME THE CAPITOLE AND THE POPOLO ROMANO. AS TO THE ULMONTANE VOICE OF TRUTH IT HAS NO CHANCE AT ALL, BUT YET KEEPS UP A SHRILL NOTE IN THE KIOSKS.

THE POPE'S CONDITION.

NOT ONE OF THESE PAPERS TELLS THE EXACT TRUTH ABOUT PIO NOVO. PARTY FEELING AND FINANCIAL SPECULATION ALWAYS WILL EITHER REDUCE PROPORTIONS OR MAGNIFY THEM. THE FACT IS THAT THE POPE'S LIFE IS HANGING BY A THREAD; THAT HE IS