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### CABINET-MAKING.

The tariff-smashers having ceased their circumgyrations for the time being at least, so that they require no further attention, and a consensus of opinion having been reached that nobody knows exactly why the Democrats were defeated unless it was because the Republicans had the most votes, the newspapers have turned their attention to the construction of a cabinet for President Harrison. So far as the President-elect himself is concerned, no one has a shadow of an idea of what he will do. Whether Senator Sherman or Mr. Blaine will be secretary of State, or whether Gov. Alger or somebody else will reign in the war department—these and like problems are as yet unsolved. But it may safely be said that Mr. Harrison will make a wise choice of advisers, as becomes a level-headed man, and that those who helped elect him will not be ashamed of the cabinet as a whole, when formed, or of any part of it. As for "Brother Blaine," to adopt the name given him by the New York Sun, the solicitation expressed in his behalf is wasted. He has shown that he is abundantly able to look out for himself.

### A CURIOUS APPEAL.

Six Birmingham (Ala.) Democrats took to President-elect Harrison at Indianapolis this week the following appeal, which is signed by over 100 of the prominent citizens of their town:

We, the undersigned, citizens of Alabama, congratulate you and the country on the success of the principles which have caused your election, because we believe that a protective tariff will promote and aid the development of our natural resources and because an issue free from sectional feeling and prejudices is now presented upon which the people of the South can divide according to the dictates of reason and conviction.

We know there are large numbers in this section who think as we do and are only restrained from public expression and advocacy of their opinions by a feeling of uncertainty as to what will be the policy adopted in the treatment of the southern problem, and the apprehension is that any change in our local governments will be detrimental to our best interests. This fear, we believe, will be materially lessened by good appointments, and the best results of your election secured by making appointments from that class of Republicans who command the confidence and respect of the communities in which they live. Such appointments will develop two strong parties and thus secure to us good government.

That Democrats in the heart of the South should congratulate Mr. Harrison on the success of protection principles is not strange in view of the growth of manufactures in that region, but the assertion that large numbers there are of the same opinion is full of encouragement for Republicans. Of course Mr. Harrison will appoint worthy men to office, and the party will continue to grow in the South till "two strong parties" are developed in every State. Then good government will be secured; for the Republicans will have power to see that the rights of all voters are observed and the Democrats, no longer in absolute control, will not attempt to repress the minority, which may in time become the majority.

### THE NEW LAWS.

Since the last regular issue of the REGISTER an extra containing the public acts of the session of 1888 has been sent out. Our readers ought now to know what their duties are, and what the dangers that threaten them.

The longest of the new laws is the educational act. It should also be the most wide reaching and powerful for good, but whether it is such events alone can tell. The probabilities, however, are against its bettering the schools to an appreciable extent, and under its operation education in Vermont may become merely "an asinine feast of southwicks and branbles," as Milton calls the education of his time. The legislature made two great

mistakes, as it seems to us. One was the choice as superintendent of education of a man who from start to finish opposed the new law which he was finally elected to execute, and whose friends could only urge in his behalf that he was a briefless barrister and needed the salary. The second and greatest error was in the amendment of that portion of the bill relating to the appointment of the supervisors. As drawn by the educational commission it provided that these officials—upon whose fitness for their work the success of the law very largely depends—should be appointed by the governor. But, instead of leaving the power of naming the supervisors where it properly belonged, and where it would be exercised with discretion and some sense of responsibility, the legislature established a lilliputian electoral college in each county to do the business of choosing the supervisors. The office of the supervisor is thus made a political plum, to be plucked by the man who has the strongest "pull," regardless of the fact whether he possesses an atom of information or intelligence respecting educational matters. The practical working of the measure in this regard is already beginning to show itself. Every half-educated, bumptious, impetuous fellow throughout the length and breadth of the State, from Readsboro to Richford and from Guildhall to the county in the lake, that has any political influence, is already gunning for the office of supervisor. He visits each town of the county to marshal his cohorts of cross-roads political pigmies, hoping thereby to secure the choice in the several towns of electors who will hug themselves with joy over the privilege of boosting him into a fat place. The supervisors will, we suspect, if this scheme works, very much resemble Falstaff's troops in mind, morals and make-up should they ever by any mischance gather themselves together to consider how much they don't know. But the voters can defeat the plans of the unworthy, and, if they will awake to their responsibilities, may still put fairly good men in office by choosing electors who are free from undue influence and who cannot be led by the nose, in blocks of five or otherwise.

The remainder of the new laws are of a miscellaneous character. Those enacted in the interest of temperance are stout, at least on paper; but if the unlawful sale of intoxicants is not stopped now, in all probability it will go on forever. Those who caused these laws to be passed, and who believe in them, have a duty to perform in seeing that they are enforced to the full extent. A law that is not put in operation is worse than a dead letter, in that it breeds contempt, not only of the particular law, but of all legislative enactments. And those who look upon the new law as oppressive and savoring too strongly of the worst side of Puritanism to be tolerated in our day, have a similar task. It is said that the way to bring about the repeal of a bad law is to enforce it. Therefore, let these liberal-minded spirits at once join hands with the ultra-temperance people for the purpose of putting the law in force. They can thereby try their favorite theory, which we have quoted, and see if it is true, and at the same time provide a spectacle exceedingly diverting to gods and men—barring the rum-sellers.

A study of the other enactments is recommended, though there is nothing in them which calls for particular mention; but every one is supposed to know the law. Our lawmakers appear to have extended this ancient doctrine beyond its legitimate limits by passing acts to take effect from their passage, though those whom they affected, as the county clerks, for instance, were not made aware of the legislation for more than a month afterwards.

### NOTE AND COMMENT.

The Senate is still talking on its tariff bill, but the passage of the measure by that body this winter is not looked upon as probable by well-informed correspondents.

That wonderful instrument, the phonograph, has attained to the dignity of appearing on the witness stand. It was introduced in a trial at London, Monday, to reproduce a letter and other documents.

Senator Riddleberger got very drunk last Thursday and made a spectacle of himself in the Senate chamber. His fellow Senators are disgusted and would discipline him were it not for the fact that his term ends in March next. The sooner he goes home the better.

M. de Lesseps and his colleagues in the Panama Canal company have resigned. The whole thing has apparently gone to pieces. The French refuse to back the project and no other nation is inclined to do it. The Nicaragua route will in all probability be the one followed ultimately.

Republicans who plead for a free vote and an honest count in the South are often accused of waving the bloody shirt; but the Richmond (Va.) Dispatch virtually owns that the charges of suppressing the negro vote are true when it says,

commenting on Senator Ingalls' suggestion that there should be national election laws, that their enactment "would result in negro Congressmen from several States."

The annexation of Canada is clearly among the possibilities of the next decade. Already the question has engaged the attention of Congress. Mr. Butterworth of Ohio the other day introduced in the House a joint resolution giving the President authority to open negotiations with Great Britain for annexation on the basis of the plan set forth by Senator Sherman in his speech last summer. Canada, too, is waking up and may have something to say directly.

### THE NEW ENGLAND BREEDERS.

The annual business meeting of the New England Trotting Horse Breeders was held in Boston recently. B. D. Whitcomb of that city was elected president, Gen. Tilton declining a re-election on account of poor health. J. C. Parker of Quebec was re-elected one of the vice-presidents for Vermont and W. S. Bailey of East Hardwick was chosen the other to succeed H. T. Cutts of Orwell, resigned.

### PERSONAL.

Gov. Dillingham has appointed Principal S. W. Landon of the Burlington High school one of the Normal school examiners.

Mr. A. L. Parsons, once secretary of the local Y. M. C. A., is now engaged in evangelistic work. He is at present laboring in Williston.

T. C. Crawford, son-in-law of ex-Congressman Joyce, has a contract to write a book on the gay side of Paris and one other novel, for which it is stated he is to receive \$10,000 on Jan. 1, 1889, and \$10,000 on July 1, 1889. He has been foreign correspondent of the New York World.

### THE BOARD OF AGRICULTURE.

The secretary of the State board of agriculture sends out this notice:

The State Legislature at its last session increased the appropriation for conducting the meetings of the board of agriculture. This will enable the board to hold a larger number of meetings this winter than usual. They desire to make out the list of these meetings as soon as possible, that there may be ample time to advertise them. The board asks those towns that desire the board to visit them this winter, to send notice at once to the secretary, W. W. Cooke, at Burlington, and have the application signed by a dozen or more of the citizens of the town.

### THE COUNTY COURT.

The December term of the county court, which opened on the 11th inst., will probably come to an end on Saturday.

The new entry docket contains 45 court and 13 chancery cases. The new divorce cases number five.

In Bain vs. Cushman, an action for damages claimed to have been inflicted upon the plaintiff, a resident of Middlebury, by the defendant, who is a Lincoln physician, by the misuse of a catheter, the jury on Saturday brought in a verdict for the defendant. On the first trial of the case, two years ago this term, the verdict was for the plaintiff. It went to the supreme court, which sent it back for a new trial.

The next case taken up was that of William N. Farnham vs. Chas. A. Chapman, apt. The plaintiff, a resident of Shoreham, sought to recover the value of a horse purchased by him from the defendant, who lives in Middlebury, as agent for J. C. Stapleton, the title of which the plaintiff avers was guaranteed him by the defendant prior to the completion of the sale. The horse in question was replevined by B. B. Hope to J. C. Stapleton and was left by the latter to be sold by Chapman. From the proceeds of the sale Chapman was to take the value of a note given to him by Stapleton. The defendant denied the giving of the guarantee. He also requested the court to charge the jury that, even if such guarantee was given, the defendant was not made liable thereby, as it was not in writing and therefore was void under the statute of frauds. With this request the court did not comply. The jury rendered a verdict for \$125 and costs for the plaintiff. Exceptions were taken by defendant. Slade and Stapleton for plaintiff; Knapp and Bliss for defendant.

State cases have been disposed of as follows: State vs. Albert E. Walker, the defendant was arrested in Vergennes, charged with obtaining money under false pretences. The parties from whom the money was obtained having been satisfied, he was allowed to go at liberty on his personal recognizance for \$300. The case of State vs. Joseph Smith of Vergennes, growing out of an information for selling liquor, was nolle prossed, the respondent refusing to plead, claiming that his name was Henry Sheldon. A new information was filed, on which he pleaded guilty of ten first offences and was fined \$100 and costs of prosecution. In the case of State vs. Edward Dillon of Plattsburgh, for assault with intent to kill, a plea of guilty of common assault was accepted and sentence of eight months at hard labor in the House of Correction was imposed. Joseph Murray of Ripton, arraigned on an information for selling liquor, pleaded guilty to three first offences and was fined \$30 and costs. Patrick McMann of Middlebury, whose case came in on appeal from justice court, for selling liquor, pleaded guilty to one first offence and was fined the usual amount. Edward Goodrich and Daniel Lane of Bristol, brought in on an information, pleaded guilty to ten first offences and the usual sentence was imposed. John Ryan of Vergennes pleaded guilty to two offences of keeping and was fined \$20 and costs. The temporary manager of the Colby saloon, at the south side of the bridge in this village, pleaded guilty to maintaining a nuisance and was fined \$20 and costs, and paid. The place has been closed under the nuisance act.

In Rosa M. Manley vs. Charles L. Bell of Middlebury, the jury found the de-

fendant guilty of bastardy. He was directed to pay the costs of prosecution and \$50 at the end of six months and a like sum at the end of each six months thereafter until \$300 had thus been paid and to stand committed till sufficient bonds were furnished. Judge Knapp for the plaintiff; Mr. Slade for defendant.

Ormus Lewis of Hancock was tried Wednesday on the charge of grand larceny in stealing a cow of Alvin Sturtevant of New Haven. The jury found him not guilty. State's attorney for Sturtevant; Bliss for respondent.

Then a jury was empanelled to try Edward Broderick of Panton, who is accused of stealing whips, horse blankets, etc., in Ferrisburgh and thereabouts. The trial is in progress as we go to press.

The jurors not on the panel in the Broderick case were discharged for the term yesterday forenoon.

### PERSONAL MENTION.

Hon. John W. Stewart arrived in town from Washington Wednesday evening.

Prof. Samuel Sheldon of Harvard university will be home tomorrow for the holidays.

Postmaster Peck came home on Friday from New York, where he had been for over two weeks.

A young daughter of Mr. F. H. Winch is quite ill with fever at the home of the family on Court street.

Mr. Walter V. Wright is on a visit to his brother in Saratoga and Mrs. Wright is with friends in Burlington.

Mr. C. D. Earl has been sick since last Saturday with a severe cold. He was able to be in the store a short time yesterday.

Major J. C. Stearns of Bradford was in town Wednesday evening. He is one of the candidates for the office of agent for paying pensions.

Mr. George Langworthy, Sr., has been quite out of health all the fall and winter. He is able to come down-street once in a while, but finds it a hard trip.

Mr. E. W. Burke succeeds Mr. Lawrence as clerk at the postoffice. The latter will remain in town yet for a few days before going to Buffalo.

Mrs. Severance, mother of Mrs. Knapp, who has been a member of Judge Knapp's family for many years, is seriously ill and her recovery is not considered probable. She is 96 years of age.

Prof. Wright set out on Monday evening for his home at Akron, Ohio, to remain through the vacation. Prof. Paton went Wednesday night to Cambridge, Mass., where his parents reside.

Messrs. Geo. McCue and Robert Eells reached here Friday from Buenos Ayres. They left there early in November. Mr. Witherell and Mr. Colby intended to start for home about a week later and were coming by way of London.

Mr. J. B. Cherbino of Weybridge reached here Saturday on his way home from Montana. He had been out there to look after his Merino rams. He and others interested with him have a fine lot of 1500 of them on a ranch there. He found the sheep men of the territory hopeful over the prospect and elated over the election.

### WHAT ENERGY AND SQUARE DEALING HAVE DONE.

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Justice Conway of Albany in rebuking two officious detectives said that the trouble with the detective force of that city was that most of them were nothing more than pawnpshop detectives.

### Children Cry for Pitcher's Castoria.

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### STATE OF VERMONT—District of Addison, ss.

Be it remembered, that at a session of the Probate Court holden at Middlebury, within and for the district of Addison, on the 1st day of December, A. D. 1888.

Present: Hon. Lyman E. Knapp, Judge of the estate of Nathan L. Claffin, late of Hancock, in said district, deceased, has this day presented to said court, his petition in writing, setting forth, that it will be necessary to sell a part of the real estate of said deceased, for the payment of the debts and charges of administration; and also that it will be beneficial for all parties interested therein to sell the whole of the real estate of said deceased, and therein making application to said court for license to make such sale. And said administrator having produced to said court the assent in writing of all the heirs residing in this State, interested in said real estate, it is ordered, that all persons interested in the estate of said deceased, be notified to appear before said court, at the probate office in Middlebury, in said district, on the 24th day of December, A. D. 1888, by publication of this order, three weeks successively previous thereto, in the Middlebury Register, a newspaper printed at Middlebury aforesaid, to show cause, if any they may have, why said license should not be granted.

LYMAN E. KNAPP, Judge.



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C. H. BURT.**  
Orwell, Vt., Dec. 17, 1888. 21.3w

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