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## REFORM THE REFORMERS.

In some institutions for mental troubles there are patients who suffer from what are known as "fixed ideas." No matter what may be the change that time has wrought in their surroundings, these ideas cannot be eradicated, and some people are cruel enough to say that persons thus afflicted, are cranks and that their claim to public confidence is nil because it is due to a species of monomania.

Our excellent friends of the Reform League of this city seem to be guided in their way through the world by a sort of "fixed idea" theory that nearly every thing that is Democratic is wickedly and irretrievably wrong, and if anything happens which at all meets their approval—and such things, fortunately, seldom happen—they cackle over it much as a chicken cock cackles after the hen has laid an egg. They fill the land with the din of their noisy exuberance. It is diverting to observe the regularity with which these good people emerge from their Pickwickian debating society at the beginning of each campaign armed with their "be it resolved" and "whereases," and hold up their hands in pious horror at the general wickedness, exclaiming in the language of the Psalmist, "There is none that doeth good—no, not one"—except those who agree to our way of thinking. And then they proceed in an indiscriminate onslaught upon character and reputation. A sewing circle is a quiet retreat in comparison. Everybody is dishonest; that is, if he is suspected of being a Democrat; and the familiar charges which were timely years ago are brought forth and carefully brushed up for further use. If these charges could be applied at the present time they would be effective, but as the public doubts their application "fixed ideas" suffer. Members of their own league fare no better than outsiders. If they happen to differ in opinion all the rest turn and try to rend them.

At the approach of the recent election we were solemnly warned that if the party which comprises the large majority of the people of this State should prevail, or gain power, or continue in power, popular institutions would fall with a crash; that the heavens would roll up like a scroll and the elements melt with fervent heat. Long reports were published and the people were urged to be good. But it was as when good St. Anthony preached reform to the fishes:

Much delight were they,
But they preferred the old way.

Some seven or eight years ago, when the paded registration lists from the taverns on "The Space" were first discovered, the public was much interested.

But without facts with which to substantiate a "fixed idea" people grew tired and yawned when tbey saw the picture of the house from which, in the mind's eye of the Reform League, several thousand Democrats were registered.

Then again, when registered letters were sent out to Democratic suspects, and incidentally letters to Republican suspects were forgotten, some people (not members of the Reform League) were of the opinion that that theory of reform was of a particular brand not known as altogether of a fair variety. The public also absolutely refused to be interested in the discovery that the word "has been passed down the line quietly" to the police to rough the city; that countless hordes of repeaters were preparing for business, and that all the Democratic election officials had lead rings to deface and knives to multilate the ballots, and were generally making ready to count the Republican candidates out and to perjure themselves. The people ceased to be alarmed at the annual prediction of eternal smash and and straightway elected their candidates in the most defiant manner. After "the smoke of the battle rolled away" people went about their business as if nothing had happened and everything continued to move along to the apparent satisfaction of everybody. Even the political spinsters of the Reform League returned to their Pickwickian sanctum, where they will remain until the next campaign begins. People are often moved to consider the final end of the Reform League and their journalistic side partner when in the course of revolving years "the city people" and the "State crowd" shall be no more. We have it upon the authority of Holy Writ that our days have been made, as it were, a span long; that the days of our age are threescore years and ten, and though men be so strong that they come to fourscore years, yet is their strength then but labor and sorrow, so soon passeth it away, and we are gone. The painful reflection, therefore, is forced upon us that the time will finally come when Gorman and Rasin will be no more. What, then, will become of the present members of the estimable Reform League, with their fixed ideas? Who will furnish burning thoughts for editorial leaders to mold public thought and sentiment in the journalistic Reformer? We cannot contemplate such a catastrophe with equanimity. What will the Democratic party do without them? To deprive the party of them would be nothing less than party suicide. For it is well known that nothing stands more immovable between the Republican party and success than the campaign methods of these excellent agencies. If the Republicans can only get somebody to "sic" the Reform League and the journalistic Reformer on them they will run a better chance of winning. Of course, as it now stands the Democrats want to be "sicked" at so as to insure victory, for it is well known and proved by results that those whom the editoral branch of the league slates for defeat are apt to get the largest pluralities from the voters.

From the Republican point of view as well as from that of the general public, it might be well to reform the Reform League or to abolish it altogether. A set of political old maids, finding flaws in other people, and who know as much about managing public affairs as old maids do about bringing up babies, weary mankind. Some of their journalistic allies are continually playing the same role, always posing as the only brand of political purity and always trying to reform things from one side. In their constant, fussy declamation against one party these folks remind people of ladies who denounce men and matrimony because they have been disappointed in love. They say so much that now and then some things they say must necessarily be true. The political old maids—Reform League—and their journalistic Mrs. Caudle, with her continual curtain lectures, have, however, come to be so identified in the public mind with failure that when, even by chance, they do say something true no one pays any attention to them. The unregenerate public refuses to take seriously this Association for the Denunciation of Democratic Wickedness and the Prevention of Republican Success and continues to smile and smile and be a villain. It is sad to think that a whole cityful of sinners decline to be saved by so admirable an organization as our friends conceive themselves to be. But since in the future it is likely that neither Republicans nor Democrats will listen to them these fussy old ladies should take a gentle hint and retire, with their cats and their sewing, to the shades of private lfie, consoling themselves with the reflection that they are too pure and good for human nature's daily or even occasional food.-Sun.

## GALLANT CAPTAIN.

Capt. John Kirwan, in charge of the steamer Susquehanna, of the Tolchester Line, rose to the occasion in an unusual emergency Friday afternoon and exhibited gallantry that won the approbation of a small crowd which was on the pier when the incident took place.

The Susquehanna was due to leave for Betterton and Port Deposit at 2.45 o'clock, and movd away from her birth sharp on time. The boat had backed out into the basin and her bow was almost turned towards the Patapsco when a young lady rushed past the office of the company to the end of the pier only to find to her inexpressible disappointment that she had missed the steamer by about two minutes. She was in a most exasperating dilemma, as it was evident that she had been extremely anxious to leave on the boat. Inquiry disclosed the fact that the distressed maiden was Miss Estelle Watkins, of Betterton.

Taking in the situation, Miss Watkins pulled out her handkerchief and waved it eagerly in view of the officers and passengers on the Susquehanna. Suddenly the boat ceased to move forward, vibrated for a moment or two and then swung back towards the pier. Those standing around applauded the action of the gallant captain, and Miss Watkins was visibly pleased.

As the vessel approached the wharf the gangway was cleared, and Agent W. P. Dee stood by prepared to assist in the embarkation. This was safely effected when the Susquehanna's gangway was aboat three feet from the pier, and First Mate William L. Libby assisting from the boat. The return was made in two or three minutes, and there was practically no delay of the Susquehanna on its trip.

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EMILY B. USILTON,

late of Kent county, Md., deceased.

All persons having claims against said deceased are hereby warned to exhibit the same, with the proper vouchers thereof, to the undersigned on or before the 20th day of April, 1904, otherwise they may be excluded by law from all benefits of said estate. All indebted to said estate are requested to make immediate payment to the subscriber.

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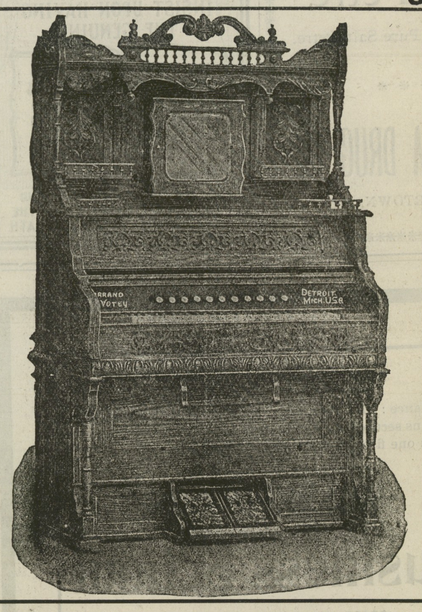

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