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VEWS AND REVIEWS.

The woodcock are migrating southward from England this season before the usual time, an indication, it is supposed, of an early and severe winter.

A new kind of sweet potato is cultivated in Kern County, Cal., picked specimens of which weigh from fifteen to eighteen and twenty-two pounds.

The river at Shreveport, La., is low enough for persons to wade across, and is as low as the famous low water of 1854, when cotton laid in the warehouse for twelve months before a rise sufficient to float a boat occurred.

Lord Chief Justice Cockburn has another of his many attacks of ulcerated sore throat, and his physician has advised him strongly to retire from the bench, but he said he was determined to die in harness. He is now 77 years old.

Waldo Hutchesin, Democrat, elected to fill the vacancy in the present Congress of the Twelfth District of New York, is a Democratic gain, although not an unexpected one, and it gives the Democrats three majority in the House over the combined vote of the Republican and Green-back men.

San Francisco is probably the most cosmopolitan city in the United States. An English traveller lately visiting there writes: 'I had my boots blacked by an African, my chin shaved by a European, and my bed made by an Asiatic; a Frenchman cooked my dinner, an Englishman showed me my seat, an Irishman changed my plate, a Chinaman washed my table napkin, and a German handed me my bill.'

Capt. Ellgill, of the Seventeenth Lancers, when shot at Ulundi, fell back into the arms of a comrade, a Dublin man, exclaiming as his last words, 'See that the men spare the wounded. Spare the wounded.' One of his soldiers rode in the charge with a wooden pipe in his mouth, and when shot down asked with his latest breath, 'Give the pipe to brother.'

Two weeks ago the creditors of the Glasgow Bank received their third dividend making 13s. 4d. on the pound out of the total. That total is in round numbers £11,000,000, of which £7,400,000 is paid and £3,600,000 still to pay. There is every probability that the £11,000,000 will be liquidated to the farthing, but the interest is doubtful. Two of the directors have emigrated to Australia; another is living with his family in a handsome villa near the Italian lakes.

On Oct. 18 a \$3,000,000 floating dock basin was opened at Bordeaux. It can accommodate eighty ships of the largest tonnage, and will give an enormous impetus to the port. The shipping of Bordeaux has almost trebled since 1857, and its steamer tonnage exceeds 600,000 tons. Bordeaux is considered the most aristocratic of great French provincial cities. Even Paris recognizes Bordeaux society as 'chic,' while Bordeaux rather looks down upon Parisians as for the most part novi homines.

Mayor Cooper, of New York, has called the attention of the comptroller to an error of nearly \$1,000,000 in his budget for 1879, which, he says, has been there ever since the estimate was made up, a year ago. He says that in the estimate for 1879 \$2,500,000 was put down as accruing to the general fund from the sinking fund, while this year only \$1,500,000 appears under the same head. The comptroller's clerks say that the bonded indebtedness bill accounts for the difference, but the mayor says that this bill took effect in June, 1878, long before last year's estimate was made up, and that the mistake has been carried through all this year's business.

A Martinique journal avers that an anchor belonging to one of Columbus' vessels has been found six feet below ground in Venezuela, 372 feet from the coast line. It is of simple form and rude manufacture, the stock being round and eight feet long, with a ring a foot in diameter at one end, and with flukes five feet in length. The weight is 1,100 pounds. Columbus had on the 4th of August, 1498, three vessels at anchor off the southwestern extremity of the Island of Trinidad, in the narrow strait separating it from Venezuela, and his son Ferdinand relates that a great wave suddenly disturbed them and caused such a strain upon the cables that one of them parted. The anchor to which this cable was attached is the one recently dug up. The land in that part of Venezuela has gained so much upon the water since that period that gardens are now planted where ships once sailed.

OLD BOB TOOMBS AGAIN.

The race of fools in this world will not be extinct so long as that loud mouthed, fire-eating old blatherskite, Bob Toombs, of Georgia, is permitted by a mysterious Providence to make a shadow upon the surface of this mundane sphere. General Toombs' recent dispatch to the editor of the Chicago News, even though it was garbled, as he now states, seemed altogether unnecessary, especially for a rampant, fire-eating secessionist with the antecedents of old Bob Toombs. We suppose that the portion of his dispatch which he claims to have been garbled, only relates to that sentence in which, as he explains, he is made to say "death to the Union," whereas the dispatch should have read as he now proclaims, "The result of the war was the death of the Union," and so forth. But the greatest mistake in the dispatch we think, was made by the sender himself, when he states that "General Grant fought for his country honorably and won. I fought for mine and lost." The part of the dispatch relating to General Grant's fighting we do not now propose to question, but that General Toombs fought at all, except against the authorities of the Confederate government, we do most seriously question. We have never read in any history of the war where General Toombs commanded an army or a corps, a division, a brigade, a regiment, or even a company of Southron soldiers in action. We know that he was commissioned as Brigadier General and assigned some command, but that he ever led it into action or participated in any general engagement, we have yet to learn. His principal fighting was with President Davis, who was his successful rival as President of the Southern Confederacy, and whom General Toombs has had the unmanliness to attack through Northern papers for the failure of the Confederacy, since the war.

General Robert Toombs, in his fire-eating speeches in Congress before the war, contributed his part towards precipitating the events of 1860-'61, and after the troubles began, instead of fighting for his country as he now falsely asserts, he, together with Alex. H. Stephens and old Joe Brown, did more to undermine the Confederacy and to cause dissensions at home than Sherman's army did in its march through the great State of Georgia from the mountains to the sea.

While the brave Georgians in the field were exposing their breasts to the enemy and striving to beat back the invader, Bob Toombs and the other kindred spirits above mentioned raised an army of malcontents which, by their course of conduct, under the inspiration of this same self-amed warrior, was equal to a fire in the rear. By the way, we notice that little Alec Stephens also sent a dispatch to General Grant—Birds of a feather.—

The peerless and chivalrous Wade Hampton has said that "one indiscreet fool South can in a minute undo the lengthy labors of statesmen." Surely this was a most prophetic utterance from that eminent statesman and pure minded patriot.

THE SITUATION IN MAINE.

It is reported that the State authorities of Maine have certificates prepared to send out giving seats to seventeen Democratic Senators and eighty-five Democrats Representatives. Whether this is correct or not we are unable at present to say, but the statement comes from good authority, emanating from Augusta, the State capital. If it be true, and we sincerely hope it is the Democratic will have a majority and enough members to form a quorum in case the Republicans should see fit to retire.

There is not a doubt that political matters are decidedly and badly mixed in the "Pine Tree State;" nor is there any doubt that, when they are thoroughly sifted and the real, legitimate situation is disclosed by facts adduced, the complexion of affairs will be decidedly changed for the better. The State is now in the shadow of a Republican cloud, which will soon, we trust, be dispelled by the welcome sunshine of Democratic fact.

THE NEW YORK ELECTION

We publish elsewhere from the New York Sun the latest figures to be obtained relative to the election in New York. It would seem, according to the present count, that the Republicans elect their entire ticket, with the exception of Horatio Seymour, Jr., for Surveyor, whose majority is estimated at 10,000.

There is no doubt, in our mind, that the whole job has been cooked up to suit the Republican managers. The election was held ten days ago and the official returns are not yet all in. The thing smells fishy. The Democrats of New York will doubtless see to it if they do not, and if they are willing to submit to another electoral steal, they are at liberty to do so.

Hoops—the old time hoops—have appeared on Fifth Avenue again. It is quite a common thing now to see the heavy, swell young lady with a balloon extension bobbing up and down, and keeping time with the jaunty steps of the wearer. A few years ago there was a hoop mania,

Hoop-skirt factories sprang up all over New England. Many lucky Yankees got rich making hoop-shirts; then the "pull-back" came, and our young ladies grew smaller and smaller, till by-and-by the hoop skirt factories all stopped and hoops became obsolete.

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The year 1880 will be one in which no patriotic American can afford to close his eyes to public affairs. It is impossible to exaggerate the importance of the political events which it has in store, or the necessity of resolute vigilance on the part of every citizen who desires to preserve the Government that the founders gave us. The debates and acts of Congress, the utterances of the press, the exciting contests of the Republican and Democratic parties, now nearly equal in strength throughout the country, the varying drift of public sentiment, will all bear directly and effectively upon the twenty-fourth Presidential election, to be held in November. Four years ago next November the will of the nation, as expressed at the polls, was thwarted by an abominable conspiracy, the promoters and beneficiaries of which still hold their offices. Will it be a crime of 1878 be repeated in 1880? The past decade of years opened with a corrupt, extraneous and insolent Administration entrenched at Washington. THE SUN did something toward dislodging the gang and breaking its power. The same men are now striving to restore their leader and themselves to power from which they were driven by the indignation of the people. Will they succeed? The coming year will bring the answers to these momentous questions. THE SUN will be on hand to chronicle the facts as they are developed, and to exhibit them clearly and fearlessly in their relations to expediency and right.

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