

One of the latest bits of political gossip in Washington is the fact that a dinner was given at the White House a week ago Monday by President Arthur to a distinguished party of New Yorkers belonging to the Republican machine of that State.

A New York letter says: "It transpires here that at the Southern Immigration Convention, which assembles at Nashville, Tenn., on the 11th of next month, several prominent Northern politicians of both parties will put in an appearance; and as two of them at least, Mr. Blaine and Mr. Thurman, are possible candidates for the Presidency, the movement is looked upon at the clubs as a preliminary bid for Southern support.

The New York Sun takes a very sensible view of John S. Wise's rebellion against the negroes in Virginia. Wise thought that his dusky friends and conferees were unfit for his parlor and were always shown into the kitchen.

There are about one hundred thousand colored voters in Virginia. More than ninety per cent. of them have supported Mahone. The negro is the mainstay of that faction. At the best, it polled only thirty-one thousand white votes.

At the election for Congressman at Large in 1882 there were three candidates, who received the following votes: Wise, 99,902; Massey, Democratic, 94,184; Dawson, Republican, 4,342.

The Cunard Steamship Company has decided to build two more large steamers, the Umbria and the Etruria, and to invite subscriptions to its bonds to raise the necessary funds. This is in pursuance of the policy which dictated the building of the Urania and the Servia, and which, it is said, developed the serious schism in the concern that involved the retirement of the MacIvers.

"Look here," said Fusticus, at a recent concert, "the seat you have given me is only fit for a dog." "Why, what's the matter with it?" inquired the usher; "it's one of the best seats in the hall." "That may be," said Fusticus, "but it's a dog's seat for all that. Look at the number; that proves it-K 91."

An agricultural writer says: "The best treatment for hens that want to set when you don't want them to is to take them from the nest and put them into a large coop in the open air then feed them well on the same feed given to the laying hens."

Monsieur Manney titular Bishop of Palma, has been elected Bishop of Mobile. M. Mace, the great French detective and the terror of the Paris evil doer, is just about five feet tall, if he proper to use the term tall as applied to such a stature. He has been thirty years in the service.

Calisthenics may be very genteel and romping very ungenteel, but one is the shadow and the other the substance of healthful exercise. The Medical World of Philadelphia gives this as one of Dr. F. H. Hamilton's "health aphorisms."

Lord Randolph Churchill is, if possible, more pugnacious than ever this session. He has filled out somewhat, and looks in fighting trim, though, to complete the picture, it must be said that time has still further tanned him, for "where the shining locks divide the parting line is all too wide."

At Bethany, Pa. recently, Thos. Avery, while shoveling snow out of his yard, discovered buried in the snow a hen which he had missed for ten days. She had packed the snow down and made a room the size of a bushel basket. Beyond the loss of flesh incident to the long fat the hen was unharmed.

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