



DANIEL BOND, Editor.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

The Spanish Army in Cuba is said to number fifty-seven thousand men.

For the first time within the memory of the present generation, the balance of trade is largely in favor of the United States, the exports exceeding the imports by \$40,000,000.

The repairing and fitting out of the iron-clad ships, Canonicus, Dictator, Mahopac, Manhattan, Nahant, and the Wyandotte, numbering fourteen guns in all, is being rapidly pushed to completion at the Portsmouth navy-yard.

The Georgia papers publish a card from the Hon. J. P. Benjamin, stating that the story about the twelve million dollars estate coming to Mrs. Campbell and Mrs. Chambers is an absurd fable from beginning to end.

William Tweed, "Boss-Tweed" as he is commonly called, has been convicted in New York on several charges of fraud and embezzlement.

The New Orleans Picayune says that the recent sheriff sales of property for State taxes were prevented by the entire absence of bidders, but that a single buyer from the North was finally found, who, as the Picayune has it, had "the money" to invest in the confiscated homesteads of our people and speculate on our sufferings.

The advantages of the decimal system of computation, as illustrated in the currency of the United States and in the weights and measures of France, are so great that its adoption by all nations is probably only a question of time.

The Forty-third Congress will commence the long session next Monday. This will be the first Congress assembled under the new and increased appointment in the House of Representatives, making the number of members 292.

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Spain that the butchers and murderers who committed the foul deed shall be delivered into the hands of the government at Washington, to be tried under the laws of the nation for their crimes."

All this is a very spirited manifestation of Southern courage and patriotism, but we very much doubt whether they have properly considered the cost and consequence of that for which they clamor. For ourselves we are decidedly in favor of exacting from Spain full measure of redress for the past, and indemnity for the future; and in case of refusal would make war, and, if necessary, take Cuba; but we confess we have not yet been able to satisfy ourselves of any advantages that are likely to accrue to the South from such policy.

LETTER FROM BERTIE. Comments on the late communication of "Temperance" - Inconsistency of that party - Popularity of Major J. J. Yeates - New York, Norfolk and Charleston Railroad, &c., &c.

WINDSOR, Nov. 21, 1873. MR. EDITOR - In your issue of the 1st November, is an article purporting signed "Temperance," which I should treat with silent contempt, which the author and article alike deserve, but for the fact that he arrogates to himself the right to speak as by authority for the Democrats of Bertie county, and in the discharge of his executive duties, attempts to malign and traduce the characters, whose shoe latches he is not fit to unloose.

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him. He is not only "worthy of the highest confidence," but is of unbounded personal and political popularity. As an evidence, I have but to cite his own county, (Hertford) which with a radical majority, he carried in 1871 for the convention; which was a gain for our party, and that too in one of the very few counties in the State in which we did gain.

But "Temperance" says, if Major Yeates is the candidate, there will be an opposition Democrat "of true principles" out against him, and that many will vote against him or not vote at all. Who will be the "true principle" the party would like to know.

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