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VIEWS AND R. VIE AS.

Ethan Allen sends the New York Tribune another list of one thousand Republicans who pledge themselves under no circumstanc s to vote for Grant,

It is stated by a gentleman who re cently made a so isl ca'l at the White House that President Hayes persists in the opinion that the ex President will not be nominated at Chicago.

An Illinois women went into the show business on a small scale with a bogus petrified baby, which she wheeled from town to town in a perambu'ator, telling a story of its sickness, death and final transformation into stone. The figure had been well made as to its head and arms, but plain marks of the chieel were found else where.

The eucha seic candles light d on the attar of Bishop Seymour's cathedral in Springfield, Il', 'st Sunday, threaten to kindle a sma'l conflagration in the Episcopal church of the West. Bishop Robertson, of St. Lou's, can find no sufficient warrant for the allegel innovation, and has no hesitancy in saying so.

From Kentacky private intelligence is to the effect that a very strong spirit of resentment has sprung up among prominent Democrats against what is alleged 'o be the evident hope of the Tilden-Wal terson wing to bulldoze the Democracy of Kentucky into sending a Tilden delegation to Cincinnati. As a result of this it | that in quite a number of instances, who is said Kentucky wi'l send a strong anti- by their showing the debt had been ma-Tilden delegation.

One of the latest steries told of James Gorden Bennett is that he recently wrote to Prince Bismarck offering bim a salary of \$130,000 a year to contribute one article a week to the New York Herald. Bismarck wrote a polite letter declining the offer. In conversation afterwards he made the observation that if a simonpure article of 'cheek' was desired application should be made to an American newspaper office. Perhais th's story is true-and perhaps it is not.

Gen. Ben Butler declined to submit to an interview from a New York Tribune reporter in that city a few days ago. In a polite note the General said he had no political views, and did not mean to have any until a ter the Conventions have been held. He was on his way to California in search of health and recreation, and if he gave any political views he would have to spend his time in explaining them at every way station, which he did not mean to do.

An ostrich, long on exhibition at Rome, having been sufficeated by thrusting its neck between the bars, there were found in its stomach four large stones, eleven smaller ones, seven nails, a necktie pin, an envelope, thirteen copper coins, fourtem beads, one French fanc, two small keys, apiece of a hendkerchief, a silver medal of the Pope, and the cross of pp Italian order.

In a Milwaukee street cr : the other day a near-sighted man was seated near the fare-tox, reading a newspaper, when a lady passed up 'he aisle and accidental'y dropped her handkerchief in the lap of the near-sighted man as she paid her fare, She did not metice her loss, and a ler she had taken her seat a gentleman sitting of posite the near sighted person touched him with his cane to call his attention to the handkerchief. The near-sighted man looked down, saw the white handkerchief in his lap and immediately covered it up with his paper, blushing as he did to. Then he inserted his hand under the paper tucked the handkerchief in out of sight and went on reading.

It is announced that Prof Taylor, of the agricultural department, has discovered that cotton seed treated with su'phuric soid will come up ave or six days earlier g.eat things in store for the whole coun . with ice, as it was being locked inte than in its natural state. If the same treatment will obtain the same results on a larger scale then the discovery will b one of great importance to Southern planters, as it will give them a start of nearly a week in raising their crop, and thus enable them in many cases to avoid the frests. It is believed that the germination of other seeds can be quickened

by similar means.

Hiuts are now darkly given out that Gen Grant will not in any event accept a fourth term of the Presidency. These hints are evidently not intended to be humorous, but they irresistibly remind one of the famous interveiw with the Chinese Prince Kung, in which the Gen assured that dignitary that already been surfeiled civil station. One thing at a time, however, is a good rule, and it may be well for the friends of the ex-President to settle the matter of the third term before becoming absorbed in the possibilities of a fourth.

TOO MUCH MACHINE.

In the whole history of North Carolina, and particularly of the Democratic party n this State, we doubt if the like of State functionaries descending from their high official position to mingle with the people for partisan purposes, as we be lieve has been recently done, was ever witnessed before to the degree and extent which has characterized the conduct of some high officials in Raleigh within the past few months. There is too much machine politics carried on at the Capi tal now, and in our opinion there has been more than one to many printed epistles and documents circulated among the dear people, to be in our humble judgment, consistent with the dignity and duty of high State officials.

THE PUBLIC DEBT.

Ine national debt statement shows the decrerce in the public debt, for the month of May, to be \$15,928 033,87. Such is the sort of 'tof',' which John Sherman, Secretary of the Treasury, and hoping to be President, carses to be issued to the pubevery month. It is possible that the debt his been that amount during duced month, but we have but little 'aith in any of the reports regarding the matter 'ssued from the Treasury Depart. ment. There have been so many issued to the public which have been proven to be absolute and unmitigated falsehoods, that we are disposed to take them al erm grano salis. It was a sort of ca jelery which was rather amusing viti we found that the facts were otherwise; since which time we have ceased to rely on these monthly reports for authentic information. It would be very pleasant indeed to think they were ture, and that they furnished a correct exhibit o the financial condition of the country; but, unfortunately, it has been proven teria'ly reduced, there had been an actua increase of our indebtedness.

OUR IN REASED PRODUCTION

has lately compiled a statement, which we find in the Norfolk Virginian, of our progress in the fourteen years since 1865. Our production of wheat has increased from 148,552,829 bushels to 448,756,000 bushels; of corn, from 704,427,853 bushels to 1,544,899,090 baseels; of cotton, from 2,227,987 bales to 5,020,387 bales; and of tobacco, from 183,316,953 pounds to 384,-059,650 pounds. It will be seen that the production of wheat has trebled, and corp. cotton and tobacco more than doubled, Besides, oats increased nearly 140,000,000 bushels ; potatees nearly doubled and hay St Louis girls. They can't work their

increased nearly one-third. A feature of Mr. Porter's exhibit is the South's contribution to the nation's wealth which, when it is considered how impoverished she was rendered by the war, her best f lends have every reason to feel sat" isfied and proud of the result of her labors in regaining her lost wealth and assum.

ing her proper position. The cutton crop for 1878 and 1879 was the largest ever raised. The ten crops from 1852 to 1861 raised by slave labor numl ered 84,995,440 bales. The ten crops of 1879, inclusive, raised by free labor, numbered 41,454,743 bales.

In tobacco also the South has achieved a gratifying increase in the annual yield, and it is believed that at no distant day there wi'! be an enormors increase in the production of Southern corn. While the centre of spricultural production has that, with the deterioration of those new ands and the steady fertilization of the soil in the older States, it will recede east

ward again. dec res that 'exhaustion' of wheat lands is an impossibility so long as farmers supply their lands with the necessary quantity of food. There need be no anxiety, therefore about the continued abundant fued Campbell's 'Hohenlinden' as beyield of our soil, and 'the possibilities of ing 'not up to the mark.' We were our agricultural interests,' in the language of Mr. Porter, 'are as yet an unknown quantity.' The lature undoubtedly has 'ry, and, says the Baltimore Gazette, 'es pecially for the South, which, under the new regime and with honest and stable local governments, has at last entered up-

on a new era of presrerity.'

THE COLORED SOLDIERS. It was in New York, and not in South Carolina, this time. On Decoration Day (the 31st u't.), as the procession was returning from the cemetery, the colored military companies, forming the rear (f the procession, (they have to march in the rear even in New York), were attacked by a garg of roughs and a riot ensued. The police interfered, and the colored soldier. charged indiscriminately upon both police and citizens, but, being overpowered by numbers, were compelled to run for their lives. Several persons were seriously in jured, though no lives were lost. A captain and sergeant of one of the colored companies have been arrested in consequence of the part they took in the affair. Yes, this all occurred in the city of New

York. Had it taken place in any of the

Southern States, there would have been

glorious opportunity for the waving of the "bloody shirt." It would have been a God-send to the Republican orators and IT IS CONFIDENTLY ASSERTED newspapers, which would have been util. ized to the utmost.

It is sad that such an outrage upon the public peace should occur anywhere in the country and, at this juncture, it is especially sad that one of the kind should have occurred in New York. They answer no pelitical purpose when they occur at the North. They offer no opportunity for the political capital which will be much needed by the Republicans in this campaign Harpers L'ustrated Journal of Civilization (Heaven save the mark!) finds no employment for the talent of its engravers in furnishing a highly wrought sketch of the occurrence. It took place too near home to be of advantage to those whose greatest claim to success dep.nds upon the amount of obloquy they can fling upon the Bouth.

HON. HORATIO SEYMOUR Horatio Seymour to day, says the New York Wold of the 31st ult, completes b's three core and-ten years, and enters upon what may with truth be called a green old age. H's fellow citizens of all parties w l join with us to day in the hope that he may live many years yet to witnes the complete restoration of frater nal feelings and a common prosperity throughout the republic. Now that the heats of the party conflicts with which his name was so conspicuously associated COHANSEY METAL TOP. during the trying tim s of the civil war have cooled, his most active political op ponen s must admit the consistency and earnestne s with which throughout his public career this most illustrious of living Democratic statesmen has stood by the spirit and the letter of the message with which on the 1st of January, 1863, he took possession of the Gubernatorial chair of the Empire State. 'Under no circums ances can the division of the Union be conceded. We will put forth every exertion of power; we will use every policy of conciliation; we will guarantee them (the secede : States) every right and Mr. K. P. Porter, an eminent statistician every consideration demanded by the Constitution and by that fraternal regard which must prevail in a common country, but we can never consent to the brealing up of the union of those States or the destruction of the Constitution'.

MUUNBHINE

Letters of introduction e-e not always successful to get , a man into good society, no more than eloquent obituaries are to get a maninto heaven -Whitehall Times.

Said a chicago belle: 'I despise those iaws three minutes without hissing out the all-firedest slang. Oh, you bet

The faithful oyster's gone and went Ab! we him well remember!

He wont be werth a continent-Al cuss till next September.

The Germans call the 13-15-14 puzzle 'Des Principe!'s Veizwerflung.' When a man is able to selve the pur le he can feel justified in attempting o pronounce the name.

A Pennsylvania fugitive from justice get himself up es a book agent and easily worked his way out of the country without enybody's trying to question him, or, in frat, go near him.

They ere digging for Captain Kidd's gold back of Abse. om Beach. The most remarkable thing about the Captein's gold is that is just as easy to hunt for it in one place as suother .-Boston Trenscript.

A close observer of human nature remarks that a boy who won't teke as mov I swiftly westward it is believed big a bite as he can from another boy s apple is disg sing his real feelings, and should be ne rewly watched.

An upator a jeweller hung a watch n the window and labeled it. 'Look at !! is wa ch fer \$10,' and the unso This is the belief of Mr Porter, who phisticaled gentleman from Africa who stire I at the arricle then went in and wanted the \$10

The Greenock Advertiser has just died at the age of 78 years. It was this paper that in its early youth resure it world come to no good sooner or later.

She was a Boston lady of calture. She stood watching a canal boat loaded the canal from Lake Champlain What is that boat loaded with? she asked 'Ice,' was the reply. 'Oh, my! she exclaimed in surprise, 'If the horrid stuff should melt, the water would sink the boat!"

Hhe got up from the table With a smile upon his phiz-"We're living in the country, And I'll tell you what it is. We must keep a gentle cow-I will look for one right now.' 'Just the thing, dear hubby, find One with hair as soft as silk.

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