

HAPPY STATE CONVENTION.

This body met at Shelby on Wednesday last, and organized by electing Hon. John Kerr, President, W. A. Graham, Jr. R. Overly and R. H. Griffith, Vice-Presidents; John D. Williams, Treasurer; W. W. Vass, Auditor; J. D. Hulham, Recording Secretary, and J. B. Richardson, Corresponding Secretary.

THE MISSISSIPPI ELECTION.

We have seen table of majorities from 53 out of 70 counties in the State—60 Republican and 47 Democratic, giving a Democratic majority of 29,575, and 4 Democratic Congressmen out of 6. The remaining 17 counties, of which 11 have probably been Democratic, will carry this majority to the neighborhood of 49,000. When it is considered that the registration under the Reconstruction Acts showed a colored majority over 29,000, which has ever since been increasing by immigration; that the Republicans carried the State in 1862—72—73, by majorities of 85,053, 41,720 and 21,414; the magnificent proportions of this victory more fully appear. It is not too much to estimate that the Democratic majority will carry this majority to the neighborhood of 49,000. When it is considered that the registration under the Reconstruction Acts showed a colored majority over 29,000, which has ever since been increasing by immigration; that the Republicans carried the State in 1862—72—73, by majorities of 85,053, 41,720 and 21,414; the magnificent proportions of this victory more fully appear. It is not too much to estimate that the Democratic majority will carry this majority to the neighborhood of 49,000.

The fact is, the colored voter has lost all confidence in the future and a manly theory has found out his best friends through his own experience, and hereof he proposes to vote for his neighbors, and not for the interests of interlopers and expatriates.

NOBLESSE OBLIGE.

The Baltimore Herald says: The Southern States are now attracting great attention throughout the country as an inviting field for immigration, and especially in the West and Northwest. It is gratifying intelligence, it is impossible for a country to be prosperous while a portion of its inhabitants are unemployed. A partial cause of this change of feeling is found in the fact that the Radical campaign stores of Southern Ku Klux outrages have quite disappeared from political literature. The Republican Journal, in the effort to bolster up the waning fortunes of its party by fictitious accounts of Southern troubles, indulged largely upon the entire South, while the truth is, there are vast areas of unworked territory in the South, a soil naturally fertile, long seasons, and a healthy climate. With the tide of emigration once turned toward the South, the channel will rapidly deepen, and as a result, that unfortunate country will ere long enjoy far more than its old-time prosperity.

WEDLOCK AND INSANITY.

In a case of bigamy in New Haven, Ct., the man married his second wife, but without avail. He proved that he had been in an insane asylum, but it happened that such a catastrophe occurred before either of his two marriages. Recurring to this matter and its consequences, the Cincinnati Gazette says: The case leaves perplexing questions. If, because of insanity, he was not responsible for the first marriage, why was he held for the first? Does not the verdict make him incompetent for either, and therefore dissolve both? A singular fact is that neither of these young women thought him insane, or, at any rate, too insane to marry. Probably his insanity was only a mania for marrying, which is an act in which all men are insane more or less. But, if man may plead irresponsibility for the act of marriage because of insanity, what excuse can he register for the second? For there are many husbands and wives who think, in the sober second thought, they would never have done it if they had not been out of their heads.

"And is not love a species of insanity? It is so described in all literature. Love and madness are associated ideas in the universal mind. Lovers are wont to conduct themselves in such a manner as to seem to others that they had lost their reason. Love is called bigamy, it takes away the judgment. What is that but to be insane? It is a mental exaltation which makes extravaganza proper and impossible things easy. It has the common sense that they who are in love have lost their reason. Let us say ten years married compare the present tameness of his mood in the face of the partner of his bosom with the ardor of the first. At the time of marriage, and red of whether, if this is insanity, that was not insanity. What is the reason that men are so often in love, and yet remain devoted in their early love, if it be not that these extravaganzas now seem to them irrational? Society sets up the high rule that it is wrong to marry without love—these excesses, however, are in the case. But love is insanity, and now here is a judgment of a court that insanity makes the party incompetent to marry, and thereby annuls the marriage.

"In the New Haven case the man was sent to the lunatic asylum. This may restrain his marrying mania for the time. But this judgment has raised questions of a more serious nature. Would it not be well for girls about to marry to have a commission of lunatics inquired into upon the candidate to see whether he is competent? And yet, if men are to be held incompetent to marry when insane, who will marry?

A recent estimate places the debt of Spain at \$2,000,000,000, which is an increase in three years of nearly \$1,000,000,000. The bulk of the debt is now probably floating debt, borrowed from bank to bank, at Madrid, Spanish six per cents are quoted at 62 in London, and the probability is that Spain will follow the example of Turkey in partial repudiation. Peace and administration, which might enable Spain to pay her debts, seem still remote.

PALESTINE CANDIDATES.

Papers of both parties since the fall elections are ousting about for Presidential candidates. The aspirations of many prominent for the nomination have been dissipated by the recent elections, while those of others have been promoted. As to as to others friends and opponents differ widely as to the effect upon their prospects. Among the Republicans the chief claims in Maine are made by Hon. J. W. Allen, of Portland, who is regarded as a practically settled the aspirations of Speaker Elaine and Senator Conklin, two of the most formidable candidates, while the meagre majorities obtained by them in Ohio and Pennsylvania doubt create any enthusiasm for Governors Hayes and Hartranft. Postmaster General Jewell, who is now growing into favor among the better class of Republican politicians, will probably be sacrificed in the spring by a probable Democratic majority in Connecticut. Morton has saved his bloody shirt so long and so persistently that he has grown into dislike and has lost his influence. Besides the Democrats of Indiana have in two successive elections carried the State, and thus with drawn his own support.

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EDITORIAL NOTES.

THE REVENUE this year has exceeded the estimate by \$22,000,000. TRUCKERS are said, very finely: Next to excellence is the appreciation of it.

It is estimated from such returns as have been published this year that the population of the Union is about 46,250,000.

THE LEADING issues in the senatorial election by the Kentucky Legislature, at its approaching session, are said to be the Southern Pacific Railroad and the Memphis and Charleston.

A COMMITTEE has been formed in New York to enable the people of Porto Rico to free themselves from the iron rule of the Spanish Government.

GENERAL WEAVER, captain of the American rifle team, has been elected to the range, at the election of the 21st inst. He got a New York Judgeship at \$10,000 per annum for fourteen years.

BESSIE TRUNK, the piquant witness in the Beecher trial, has written a book entitled "A Woman in the Cave." It is to be published by Carleton & Co. with a portrait of fair Bessie.

THE BALTIMORE Gazette thinks the Democratic party will do well to seek a candidate for the Vice Presidency and Speakership of the House from Northern territory.

THE next Mississippi Legislature will be about as follows: In the House, 90 Democrats, and 25 Republicans; in the Senate, there will probably be a two-thirds vote, and two over, Democrats.

IT exists the City of New York only 25,000 to cost \$25,000,000 of taxes, while it costs \$25,000,000 to collect \$25,000,000.

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ORO KNOB COPPER MINES.

By PROF. W. C. KERR. The most remarkable vein in North Carolina, is at Oro Knob in the southern corner of the county, near the top of the Blue Ridge, and about two miles from New River. This mine was opened before the war, but not explored to any depth or with any system, and its real character was not developed until about two years ago, when it was purchased by the present owners, Messrs. Clayton & Co., of Baltimore. These gentlemen have opened the vein by a series of shafts and tunnels, and have been able to ascertain that a body of ore which is not equalled at any mine I know of in the South, is at Oro Knob.

The rock of the region is a gray (and usually) light-colored gneiss, mica schists and slates. These have a prevalent strike a little east of northeast, and dip east at an angle of 15 to 20 degrees. The walls of the copper vein are micaceous gneiss and mica schist, and strike to 57 degrees E, and dipping southeast at an angle of 40 to 45 degrees. The copper vein is coincident in strike with the gneiss, but is carried along across the strata in dip, so that it is a true fissure vein, and not bedded like those of Ducktown. The rock of the region is a gray (and usually) light-colored gneiss, mica schists and slates. These have a prevalent strike a little east of northeast, and dip east at an angle of 15 to 20 degrees. The walls of the copper vein are micaceous gneiss and mica schist, and strike to 57 degrees E, and dipping southeast at an angle of 40 to 45 degrees. The copper vein is coincident in strike with the gneiss, but is carried along across the strata in dip, so that it is a true fissure vein, and not bedded like those of Ducktown.

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IRON R. R. PROGRESS.

The important resolution of Hon. R. R. BAYARD to the Presidency of the Wilmington, Columbia & Augusta Railroad, after ten years' service, is a fitting acknowledgment on the part of the stockholders of the worth of a faithful official. The very great prospectivity of these roads, forming a remarkable exception to most of the other Southern railroads, renders an important testimony to the value of his services. Elected to the presidency without previous railroad experience, his good sense, his industry and his efficient ability at once rendered him an efficient officer, and to-day he is acknowledged to be among the foremost practical railroad men of the country.

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SENATOR BAYARD.

DISCOUNT SUBSIDING WITH THE INCREASED PROSPERITY OF THE DEMOCRATIC PARTY. (Wilmington, Del., Correspondence of the New York Tribune.)

Senator Thomas F. Bayard has a beautiful country seat in the Delaware counties, and he is said to have had a long talk with him. Mr. Bayard is tall, thin and active, young in years and younger still in looks, having a deeply tanned complexion. His conversation is energetic, passing rapidly from one subject to another and using terse expressions. In manner he is not at all that of our public men, and he soon puts his visitors at ease. He has recently returned from the South, where he has met and conferred with several prominent men, and the political interests and industries of that section were naturally uppermost in his mind when our conversation began.

He had been received everywhere, he said, with an extreme kindness. He said that the South was not less affectionately greeted than there had been. Southerners were glad to welcome Northern men among them, and he said that the South was not less misrepresented by those of the opposite stripe for political purposes. As an evidence of this, Mr. Bayard told us that he had seen several years had been treated with marked respect. This showed the absurdity of the bloody-shirt stories which were so freely repeated by the administration party as evidence of the South's disloyalty and the unfitness of its people to govern themselves. He said that he had seen upon the platform besides himself and other speakers, Gen. Hawley, of Connecticut, who represented the South in the House of Representatives, and General Grant, of Georgia. In the course of his remarks General Hawley said that he had met General Grant under different circumstances from those which are generally known, and that he had seen him in a more friendly and cordial spirit than he had ever seen him before.

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