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PRESIDENTIAL ASPIRANTS. Although but one individual can be the favored recipient of a Presidential nomination at the hands of his united party, the number of aspirants for the honor of candidacy is absolutely unlimited.

The old Whig party, so justly renowned for the splendid abilities of its leaders, in consequence of its numerous defeats by the Democracy, rarely had the opportunity to offer the Presidential crown to its eminent members.

From the expiration of General Jackson's second term, until the dissolution of the Democratic party in 1860, the almost uninterrupted triumph of that organization attracted to its membership most of the youthful energy and ambition of the land.

The nominating conventions of the Democracy and the preliminary State conventions were the scenes of animated struggles between the friends of a dozen or more prominent aspirants. For at least twenty years before he attained the scepter, Mr. Buchanan was a prominent candidate for Presidential honors.

Just as the wonderful discipline of the old Democracy was maintained by its ambitious leaders, who saw in a united party the only possible hope for themselves, and just as that discipline was at last destroyed by the clashing of factions, each too weak to control, yet too powerful to yield, so is now, and will hereafter be, the case with the Republican party.

Present efforts to heal Republican dissensions are not to be mistaken as made in the interest of Grant's renomination. All the hopes of all the Radical aspirants are embarked upon the common bottom which is now menaced with wreck.

Men like Morton, Colfax, Logan, Butler, et al omnia genus, live by means of the Republican party and have no hope of future advancement save through its bounty. Men who appear to be vigorously laboring in behalf of Grant, are really working for themselves.

putative candidates for Presidential or Vice Presidential honors. Each of these is of course for himself first, and afterwards for somebody else, Grant being the second choice of a great many.

Although Grant appears to be pliant and plastic enough in the hands of those who shape his course, it is plain that he has no sincere friends even in the little coterie which directs the Administration. Grant himself has none of the attributes of party leadership, none of the genial and generous qualities—many of them faults perhaps, none of the rugged virtues and adamant traits which constituted the strength, and the weakness also at times, of our great party leaders.

THE GRIEVANCES OF SOUTH CAROLINA. The agitation in South Carolina on account of the extravagance of the State government will, no doubt, be somewhat allayed by the proposed State convention of tax-payers to devise means of relief.

Nearly all the papers in the State favor the object of the meeting, although many express doubts of its ability to cure the evils of which they complain. Many town and county meetings have been held, at the suggestion of the Charleston meeting, to appoint delegates to attend the convention.

Besides the enormous increase in the amount of the State taxes, the legislature has provided that the tax which should otherwise not be due until next spring must be paid in November of this year. No explanation is given for this change, which puts the burdens of two years upon the people in one year, and must prove a great hardship.

THE BONAPARTES AT WORK. Amid the crash of matter and wreck of worlds, so to speak, in France, the agents of the deposed Emperor are not idle in seeking to produce a reaction in the minds of the French people. They are now sending persuasive Bonapartist proclamations by mail in sealed envelopes to citizens of the various cities of France.

The admirable speech, delivered in the House of Representatives on the 4th of April, by Hon. S. S. Cox, of New York, on the Ku Klux bill, has the following text from Mirabeau on the frontispiece: "Too often are bayonets the only remedy applied to the convulsions of oppression.

According to the Atlantic cable, Rochefort is once more in extremis. We insist upon Rochefort's dying in good faith this time. It is a duty he owes to society, and especially to the newspaper profession. We are tired of writing and reading obituaries of Rochefort.

The Rev. Henry Ward Beecher doesn't seem to have been made much worse by his twenty-thousand dollar salary, than he was when forced to drag out a miserable existence on a salary of sixteen thousand. He was kind enough to say in a stump speech in Plymouth Church, the other Sunday, that he expects to meet the Pope in Heaven.

Our Society pronounces the "Boston dip" a lesson from the lowest of London dance-houses, and says that it is eminently worthy of its origin.

The Williams Review says a junior recently returned a book to the college library with a hair-pin enclosed as a book-mark. He thinks he lent that book.

Palmetto Leaves. The body of a child, with its throat cut, was found at Bennettsville last week.

Mr. Jacob Rawl, the former Deputy Sheriff of Lexington county, died in Alabama a short time since.

W. J. McPherson, of Rochester, N. Y., has been appointed commissioner of deeds for South Carolina.

Total number of arrests in Columbia for the month of March, 124, of which 107 were males and 17 females.

Two fires occurred simultaneously in Columbia on Thursday night, both said to be the work of incendiaries. Loss \$8,000 or \$10,000.

Robbing ladies on the streets, by snatching satchels, reticules, &c., from their hands, is a Charleston amusement, indulged in by "untaught domestics."

The Charleston News says: Mr. Benjamin S. Ransom, a highly respected citizen, died at George's Station on the 10th inst., in the twenty-seventh year of his age.

The Charleston News says: Mr. Thomas Finley has so far recovered from his wounds received in the shooting affair at the race course as to be able to walk about the streets.

The Edgefield Advertiser says: Winslow Hamilton who killed Capt. Geo. Butler, and for whose apprehension Gov. Scott lately offered \$500, was arrested on Saturday last, at his father's house in Lincoln county, Ga.

The Barnwell Journal says: A colored youth named Pompey, from the upper portion of the county, and who ran away from home several days since, and was in the vicinity of Blackville for a day or two, was run over by a freight train about a mile below that place on Monday last, his head being completely severed from his body.

The Trials of Journalism. Whitelaw Reid, now the handsome and able managing editor of the New York Tribune, was a dozen years ago editing the Xenia (Ohio) News. He made a smart editor, but like all other country journalists, had his experiences. We will let him tell his own story in his own words.

The Presidential Campaign. The New York World has been figuring up the candidates for President and Vice President of the United States at the ensuing election. It says: "Somewhere about a hundred candidates for the Presidency are already in the field."

The United States vs. The Baltimore and Ohio Railroad Company. Yesterday, in the United States Circuit Court, Judge Giles delivered his opinion in the case of the United States vs. the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad Company, in the action of assumpsit, to recover the amounts, aggregating \$30,000, of the five per cent. internal revenue tax under the 123d section of the act of 1864.

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The Perils of Circumstantial Evidence. A remarkable case, showing the danger of trusting implicitly to circumstantial evidence, has just been concluded in Toledo. Nearly three years ago Robert Sharp was found dead, with shot and slugs in his brain. A man named Harrington, who had been on intimate terms with the deceased, was arrested for the murder. The testimony was wholly circumstantial, but so skillfully "worked up" by the detectives that Harrington was convicted and sent to the penitentiary.

The main points in the evidence on which he was convicted were the apparent correspondence of the shot in the body of the dead man with that in the shot-bag belonging to Harrington; the correspondence of pieces of newspaper found near the scene of the supposed murder, and assumed to be part of the gun-wadding, with a torn paper in Harrington's residence and piece in his vest pocket; and that the motive for the murder was to be found in the alleged fact of Sharp having come to Toledo with several hundred dollars of money, which Harrington knew, and that no one else was so intimate with Sharp.

It causes an unpleasant shudder to reflect that a perfectly innocent man, of good character, suffered two years of degrading punishment, and narrowly escaped an ignominious death, for a crime of which he knew nothing. This is another warning against placing implicit trust in wholly circumstantial evidence, and a protest against the detectives "working up a case" against one they choose to suspect.

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