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### BELITTLING THE RESULT.

It is amusing to see the twists, wriggles and grimaces of certain old abolition generals of the North at the great victory won in this State last Thursday. The Philadelphia Press, Forney's own, picks at the rhetoric of the dispatches sent by the associated press agents, and is evidently not fond of political "whirlwinds" when they blow away Republican hopes. The New York Tribune is more philosophical in manner, but equally as surly in temper. The result displeases the old Abolitionists all around. They don't like the disposition made of the Civil Rights measure. Noticing in one article the elections in Kentucky, Tennesse and North Carolina it thus feebly endeavors to belittle the result:

"In themselves these elections were com-paratively unimportant. In Kentucky and Tennessee they had chiefly a local character, tinged a little more than usual with a party aspect from the entering in of the Civil Rights question, and the contest of whites and blacks for political supremacy. In North Carolina, members of Congress, minor county and State officers, and members of the Legislature, were chosen. Significance attaches to the fact that the Democratic gains were not overwhelming, full as much as to the fact of the gains themselves. Obviously there is nothing in the general summing up of results to warrant the organs of the party in indulging themselves in the worn-out and stale nonsense about "tidal waves." They indicate no great revolution of opinion, nor anything from which any sweeping changes may be presently predicted."

Fortunately the telegraphic news printed in some number of the Tribune in which this editorial appears contains the unadulterated, unexplained truth about our election. The vender pays his money and takes his choice-he believes the editor's flippant and ridiculous assumption or he believes the figures made up on the spot from the most accurate information obtainable. We fear some of our editorial fraternity at the North

LAST WEEK'S VICTORIES. Not only in North Carolina did victory perch on the Conservative banner. In Kentucky a Clerk of the Supreme Court was chosen by a majority of over 50,000. Tennessee also made a glorious exhibit in the local elections. And the city of Vicksburg gave a large Democratic gain, sufficient to put the municipal government under the control of white men.

It would seem that when Conservative majorities commence raining, they pour. Let us utilize the flood.

The Norfolk Landmark is to be congratulated on having secured Hon. Z. B. Vance as a contributor. He will write a series of sketches for that paper, commencing about the first of September.

Trade in Dried Fruits. The trade of this country in dried

fruits is increasing immensely, and their value is proportionately great. It is safe to estimate the total annual receipts of prunes from all sources by the United States at \$5,000,000. The The value of the raisins received is

equal to or more than this amount .-Another \$5,000,000 is made up by Zante currants, figs, apricots, etc.-Thus the whole dried fruit importation cannot be worth less than \$15,000,000 annually. Considering the value of this foreign importation, the efforts, especially of California, to build up a home industry in this particular become of much impor-

tauce. At present, attempts are being made in that State on a comparatively small scale to bring this important industry to the front, but when these are compared with the field open, they are infinitesimal. There are now fifteen Alden evaporators working at San Lorenzo, besides three to be immediately put in operation at Sonomento, San Leandro, and other places. These prepare \$100 worth of "Alden" fruit per day during the season of 180 days. The San Lorenzo factory will put \$270,000 worth this

year. Although this is ten times the value of any previous yearly product for the State, it is after all but a drop in the bucket. No appreciable differences is felt in fruit-growing sections; and, as usual, large quantities will be allowed to go to waste, or be sold without profit. It is not too much to predict that California is capable of supplying the United States with dried fruit and to export largely abroad. Whether she does so depends upon the use made of the materials, and remains to be seen.

- Brunettes are the fashion. - The bed-bug was first noticed in literature by Aristotle. - A Moodus, Ct., dame has picked 26 year old needle out of his knee. - The French wine crop is large, and prices are reported to be declin-- Mayor Havemeyer says he "will

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be d-d." Profane, perhaps prophetic.

- Marlboro county, South Carolina, promises to make enough cotton for home consumption.

-Rumored that Castellar is to visit Versailles to negotiate for the recognition of the Spanish Republic.

 A tremendous hail storm passed over Weldon Saturday. Lumps fell as large as hickory-nuts. -- Colonel Forney's Press main-

tains that at weddings the minister should no longer be allowed to kiss the bride.

- A female gymnasium would be the "latest winkle" in San Francisco, if the ladies could ever be brought to admit that they have wrinkles .- New York World.

- One of the Swiss cantons, it is said, compels every newly married couple to plant six trees immediately after the ceremony, and two on the birth of every child.

- A Romeo, Mich., marksman thinks he has made the most extraordinary shot on record. He aimed to bring down a woodchuck and a chipmunk at one shot and brought down a spring calf.

-- An ingenious young school ma'am in Polk county, Oregon, has invented an effectual process to subdue refractory urchins. She stands them on their heads and pours water

[Utica Observer.]

They commence at a point a little below Clayton, and extend down the river the distance of some 18 or 20 miles. Many of the islands are small, containing from one-half to three acres. There are, of course, larger ones, but glancing over the list of owners I find that the smaller ones are in many instances the favorites, because all that is necessary is room to build a cottage and erect a wharf, and perhaps a boat house. The largest island is Well's, which is ten miles in length and contains 8,000 acres. This is used principally for farming purposes. The island are generally covered with small trees and undergrowing foliage, also abounding with many rare and beautiful flowers.

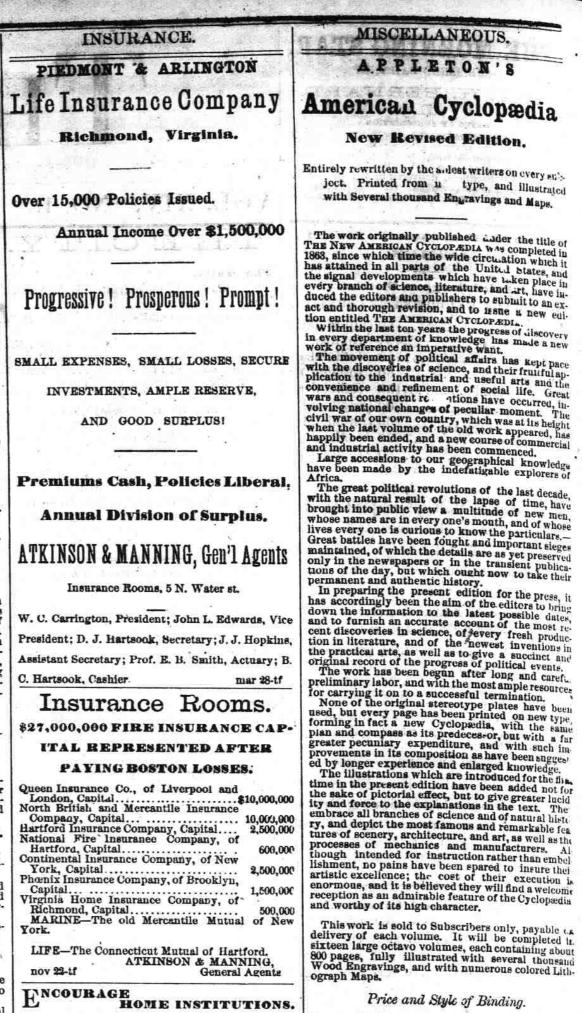


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are getting to be soreheads or the like. If their prophecy is as bad as their statement and interpretation of existing facts they must be set down as hopelessly inefficient.

#### SENSIBLE BUT STRANGE.

We have noticed recently that a great change has come over the spirit of the editorials in the Washington Chronicle, which has been a malignant enemy of the South and of course a run-mad champion of negroism in our politics. Referring to the Vicksburg election, it says: "If the colored men in the Southern States are to become useful and worthy citizens it can never be done by making the question of color an issue in the political canvass. This of necessity arouses the worst passions of both races, and in every instance thus far the result has been the defeat of the colored men." The Chronicle adds:

"The difficulty in these cases is scarcely ever attributable to the colored men themselves, or to leaders of their own race. It is generally occasioned by the selfish course of some debased white demagogues, who incite this feeling in hopes to gain political office for themselves, and so long as this class of men are allowed any influence or control in public affairs in a city or State so long will these unfortunate contests arise. Peace, harmony and a united desire for the public good, without reference to race on color, is the only security for the prosperity of the community; and the sooner the Southern country is rid of these pestilent instigators of public discord the better for all citizens, whether white or black; and if they were to suffer from the summary punishment they seek to excite against their neighbors the loss to the community would be small, and the public benefit incalculably great."

Coming from such a source this is very strong language. It shows that the thing has gone far enough. Even the bitterest Northern Radicals are getting tired of making apologies and condoning offences.

#### VICKSBURG.

The colored Lieutenant Governor of Mississippi, acting as Governor. under the influence of bad advisers called upon the President for troops ostensibly to protect his race at the election in Vicksburg. The President very properly declined to interfere having been taught a lesson by lamentable experience in Louisiana. The election occurred in quiet. At that election Vicksburg passed out of Adam; the second man, who was a Radical control, having been caused man after God's own heart, was callby the men whom this passionate

Terrible Accident to a Bridal Party. A terrible accident happened, a few days ago, to a party of young people near Stanhope, N. J., which will cost two of the party their lives, and maim another. A young couple had just got married at Dover, and, with four friends, started in a carriage

to Budd's Lake. While they were climbing the Stanhope mountain, near the railroad bridge, the pole of the carriage broke and the vehicle rolled rapidly down the steep grade. It struck against the side of the bridge, tore off the railing and went over the abyss, a distance of fifty feet, landing on the railroad track a shapeless mass,

The bride and one of the gentlemen had both their arms and legs and several ribs broken. The other two ladies were fearfully bruised, and the bridegroom fractured an arm, besides receiving a number of cuts about the person. A number of men at work in the furnace near by ran to the rescue, and did all they could for the sufferers, who were subsequently taken to Dover.

The st. Louis Forgery.

A remarkable case of forgery has been discoverd in St. Louis. The criminal is a Mr. Alexander, who has hitherto been of good repute as a merchant. His operations extended over many months. He was the senior member in a firm of cotton brokers, About the time of the panic last year his business became embarassed; and he sought to cheat fortune as fortune had cheated him. Forged receipts for considerable amounts of cotton were negotiated between December and April, after which the honest policy was resumed. Arrangements were made for the retirement of the fraudulent receipts, and many of them had actually been withdrawn when the fact became known. Mr. Alexander is now in prison, his fortune is swept away, his friends and partners are disgraced and his name is irremediably sullied. The insane cupidity which risks all in an attempt to lose nothing has seldom been more conspicuously exhibited.

## The Naming of Adam.

The Talmud gives the reason why the first man was called Adam. In English, the word Adam is spelt with four letters, but in Hebrew it is spelt in three letters, Adm. It says: God did ordain that the world should last as long as He sees good. The first man that was created was called ed David; and the last man that ever

## Ominous of Radicalism.

[Richmond Whig.] Returns enough have been received from the elections in Tennessee and North Carolina to assure us that in both States the cause of Conservatism has been splendidly sustained. And the hearts of all liberal and patriotic citizens in every State and every section of the Union should be rejoiced at the result. It is ominous of the approaching downfall of Radicalism. It is significant of a favorable turn in the tide of the politics of the South, and of the country. It shows that the people are rousing, and rising in the might of their majesty, to redeem the Republic from the misrule that is ruining it. It is a brilliant beginning of the elections leading to the great national contest for the Presidency a little more than two years hence.

### Adventure of a Diver.

That was a rather unpleasant situation in which Moses M. Stearns, a diver, found himself in Boston harbor, the other day. He had gone down in his armor, when a vessel near him gave a lurch, and he was thrown to the bottom of the sea, while the tube for supplying him with air became so entangled as to be useless. He, however, seized the tube and hauled himself to the surface, just in time to save his life.

## The Fashions.

The autumn silks will be striped. Satin and silk jewelry is new. Imported black silks are now one mass of embroidery and very small

jet beads. The long apron-front overskirt continues in vogue, with little, if any, elaborate looping at the back. The side widths are sometimes cut pointed, and drawn behind and tied in a bow, with long sash ends. This is rather a pretty style, and is of course of French origin.

A Boston firm having recently written to a debtor two or three times without eligiting any response, sent a letter asking if there was not a little of "commercial courtesy" in his neglect to reply. Promptly, by the return mail, came a check for the account and the terse and comprehensive reply: "No lack of commercial courtesy, but a lack of circulating medium here."

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