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DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENCE CONCERNING THE RIGHTS OF OUR FOREIGN-BORN CITIZENS.

There has been quite an extended correspondence between the State Department and the Minister to Berlin for several months past, relating to the rights abroad of American citizens of German birth.

From time to time, it is understood that the Secretary has pressed the matter on the attention of the Minister.

One of the main points involved in the request of our government is impressment into the German military service.

But this is at the will of a man who, whatever his liking for America and Americans, is at best an enlightened tyrant, and may not stay of the some mind three months.

There are, it is said, other important reasons why a brand new treaty of naturalization, full and satisfactory to this government, should be further insisted upon.

The Republican party's time is about up. She planks down 15,000 majority with a hoosier horse laugh.

We have seldom talked of "tidal waves" and such. Ours has been a joy demonstrated usually by a clear, cool crowing of lively game-cocks, or nothing.

As showing how well things political have progressed since that sad year of our Lord, 1872, when Ulysses roached his "secondly" in the argument for an empire, we reprint from the New York World the following pleasing statistics:

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The following States have this year largely increased their Democratic majorities of 1872:

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In Kentucky the election this year was for State officers, and in Tennessee for county officers.

In Vermont the Democrats gain thirty or forty members of the Legislature and reduce the Republican majority on the State ticket several thousand.

Gov. Penn travelled "first-class" and Gov. Pinchback "second-class," but they contrived to meet in the barber-shop, which, we suppose, may be fairly set down as neutral ground.

Gov. Penn is generally conceded to be one of the coming men of a State which has need of men of the kind.

Gov. Pinchback is better known throughout the country, because he has been longer before the people.

To hear these men talk together one would think they were members of the same political party, so little difference is there in their expression of views; and yet, until race ceases to be the dividing line of parties in the South, for all practical purposes they are likely to be as wide apart as the poles.

Pinchback agreed that the coup d'etat had been conducted with careful consideration for the rights of the negro, and with scrupulous avoidance of unnecessary violence.

The question of the legality of the retrocession by the General Government to the State of Virginia of that portion of the old District of Columbia, lying on the south branch of the Potomac, is now before the United States Supreme Court.

The appellant will at an early day of the term make application to the Supreme Court to advance the case upon the calendar.

Charles A. Dana prefers being "Mayor-of-the-Palace" of the Sun to being Mayor of New York; or, more accurately, he would rather not be the candidate of a nebulous industrial party while the Sun shines so hotly for Grant.

Brigham Young is better and black bombazine has declined. A short creed of Gen. Sherman: "I believe that if people only act half as well as they know how God will forgive the balance."

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