EXCELLENT COUNSEL. The Journal of Commerce is not a political newspaper in the partisan sense of the word, but its advice is frequently as sagacious as that of journals whose editorials are devoted almost exclusively to political discussion. The position it occupies as a leading commercial journal makes many of its suggestions of practical value. At present it is urging a line of policy on the next Congress which, if adopted, will do much towards improving the general condition of affairs. It advocates a general amnesty law, the repeal of all legislation hostile towards the Soueh, and non-

interference with the domestic affairs

of States. Under this sort of legisla-

tion our contemporary says: Political jealousies between whites and blacks, now [lately] fomented by Congress, will then gradually disappear; capital will flow in from the North, enterprise will revive in every field, and all the freedmen willing to work can do so at good wages and have no reason to complain of hard times. The best riddance, under a new order of things, would be that of the carpetbagger. With his exodus the worst enemy of the freedmen would have disappeared, and thenceforth the two races could work out their destiny in peace. The primal cause of all the present Southern troubles is the disturbing influence and malicious interference of Congress.

We believe that the next Congress will be equal to the pacification and rehabilitation of the country. The Senate will be modified to accord with the great reaction that is taking place.

WHAT'S THE USE?

The New York Tribune is so well pleased with the conservative good sense of Senator Johnson of Tennessee and his declared independence of parties, that it suggests that to the proposed constitutional amendment extending the Presidential term to six years and making the incumbent incligible for re-election, there be added a clause retiring the President at the close of his term as a Senatorat-large for life.

There are enough rotten-bough members in the Senate now. The Senate is getting too large and noisy. Besides, there is not as much reason why an ex-President should have a seat in the Senate as there is why an ex-Vice President should have. The Vice President's duty as presiding officer of the Senate will make him at the end of the term a parliamentarian and legislator of experience, and, if he be apt, of ability. No such advantages are enjoyed by the President. All Presidents have not had the Congressional training that Mr. Johnson has had. All Presidents have not had his ability. Grant would cut a nice figure in the Senate, though for the matter of brains, and decency he is no worse off than Pomeroy, Clayton, West and that class, to whem he has pandered in his wild hunt for the third term.

JOHNSON.

The principal figure in the new Senate is the irrepressible A. J. of Tennessee, the Volunteer Statesman. Here is what he says of his "posish:" "An impression has gone abroad that I' come here to avenge my private grievances. It is not so. I have now no wrongs to redress but my country's. My election settled all personal injuries ever inflicted. I consider that triumph sufficient and bury all of my grievances behind it. I come now to deal only with present issues. Of course, if any of my acts while President were attacked it might be necessary at some time to defend myself; but that aside, I come here not as a party man, but entirely independent." Johnson is undoubtly in a position where he may do or mar a great work for the country. We hope he will display statesmanship, and while preserving his individuality act with the Opposition party to restore the national liberties.

A Northern exchange says :

"The Inter-Ocean dreads 'the one hundred rebel soldiers in Congress." Yes, but "the one hundred rebel soldiers" wouldn't hurt a hair on the scalp of the craven, though they and their constituents have been most shamefully belied by him.

'l'is said a notable Indian lobbyist at Washington is doting on Miss Ream, the National sculptor. Reams of nonsense might be written and adjectives might be made to fly like tomahawks, but we forbear as sculp turing and scalping are harsh themes in the piping times of love.

A New York journal asserts that the spring opens with brilliant pros pects of prosperity and activity in trade, and adds : "If we are only wise and prudent we shall enter upon a season of permanent prosperity."

HUNTER ON PINANCE.

Hon. R. M. T. Hunter is a recognized high authority on financial questions. His age, great ability and twelve years chairmanship of the United States Senate Finance Committee give him the right to be heard. In a letter solicited by the New York Herald, and published in that paper, he gives the reasons why the South has not recuperated more rapidly since the war. A synopsis of his views on this head and other points is presented in another place.

NOTICES OF EXCHANGES. The Richmond Enquirer, one of he oldest and at the same time most vigorous of our Southern journals, has spread itself to 28 columns, its original size, and put on a new and eater head-piece.

The Weldon News, on entering its 4th wolume rejoices in its prosperity. Somebody has "put a (new) head on" likewise. The Roanoke News is one of our liveliest semi-weekly ex-

The Hon. "Sunset" Cox has writen an article for Harper's Magazine on humor. Unlike most magazine writers he is thoroughly familiar with his subject, being himself one of our funniest fellows and raciest public men. Perhaps when the national heart is considerably better reconstructed than our political institutions are now we may nominate a Presidential ticket as follows: For President Zeb B. Vance, of Norf Calliny; for Vice President, Sam S. Cox, of Noo Yorick. Lovers of a good thing well delivered would vote this ticket "to a man," it is needless to say.

The New York Herald doesn't like Senator McMillan's refusal to be interviewed on Sunday, and charges that the new Senator from Minnesota begins his career in Congress with an affectation of Christian statesmanship which is sufficient cause for a good deal of anxiety and alarm on the part of his friends."

"Peace, good pint pot." If the Senator likes to have his Sunday, free from political worry and party, but was opposed to extreme conversation, you have no right to say him nay. Wait till he steals something before you call him names.

The Nashville Republican Banner says that the secret of Ben Butler's effort to regulate telegraph companies and compel the Western Union to pro rata with connecting lines has come to light. It is stated upon good authority that he holds \$250,000 stock of the rival line, the Atlantie and Pacific, and his legislation was simply an effort to bull that stock. Oh, that's a speck on a lily to some things the defeated Cock-Eye has

Some talk there is of a slower pro gramme than the Republican train has lately been running on. Members of Congress who linger about Washington, it is said, are in favor of a conference at an early day of prominent moderate Republicans to shape the future course of the party. They wish to undo the evil resulting from the passage through the House of the Force bill. Others prefer to wait until the fall elections.

The Virginia Patron, a paper published by private enterprise but in the interests of the Patrons of Husbandry, was yesterday received from Richmond. The editor and proprietor is J. W. Lewellen. The new journal is well conducted, judging from the appearance of the first issue, and worthy of patronage (pun as yet unpatented).

The documents concerning the Mecklenburg Declaration, taken by U. S. soldiers from Raleigh and al leged to be deposited in the War Department at Washington, can't be found. Hunt further.

Some of the Northern journals are mistaken in intimating that ex Senator Hunter derived his theory of interconvertibility from Judge Kelley and his school. Mr. Hunter is himself the father of the theory.

Grant is said to be deeply interested in the result of the coming election in Connecticut. Men and money pour into that State, and every means fair and foul will be employed to carry it.

While Senator Merrimon was speaking on the Pinchback question last Tuesday, a gas-main in the Capitol exploded. Nobody was hurt.

- The Graphic defends General Tracy against the charge of being an unready soldier in the war by saying that he has charged af the head of his column on many bloody fields, his first visit is to this mausoleum, and after the battle has often been while rarely an evening passes withseen sitting under a tree combing the out his spending a few moments at cannon balls out of his hair.

GENERALITIES.

"Ouida" is 40. - No price will tempt Tennyson

to write for the magazines. California has a curious plant, called the Vegetable Fire-Cracker. - Corticine, made of cork and vegetable fibre is a substitute for oil-

- Earl Russell thinks the United States will extend to the south-not northwardly.

- Mrs. T. A. Hall, of Quitman county, Ga., one night last week spread some yellow jessamine flowers in her smoke-house and next morning found twelve dead rats on the floor. Remember that they are equally poisonous to children.

- The New York Tribune is about to inflict the whole Plymouth business upon the public in the shape of "a royal octavo volume." Sue, Reynolds, Braddon, Southworth, et al., must pale their ineffectual fires before the new candidate for the favor of the reading public.

SENATORIAL VIEWS.

Expressions of Some of the New Moderate Republican Senators.

[Report of Interviews in New York Herald. Senator Christiancy of Michigan, said he was a Republican, had acted with that party, and probably should in the future; yet he was not what is known as a party man. He had supported Republican principles because ne thought them right, and not because they were Republican. He was in no sense radical, and was glad to find a number of men of his thinking already in the Senate. He believed emphatically in equal rights to all men, but also in equal rights to all States-a theory that he thought some men had forgotten. All laws must be general and he was unalterably opposed to any legislation for Louisiana which might not be applied to Michigan were the circumstances the same in both States. He favored all proper legislation to carry out the amendments to the Constitution, but would not be an extremist. He would not be bound by any caucus to vote against his convictions, but should endeavor to vote and act on the merits of each case as presented.

SENATOR CAMERON THE SECOND. Senator Cameron of Wisconsin, Matt. Carpenter's successor, has been a life-long Republican, has acted with the Republican party, and proposes to continue to act with that measures in the government of the South. He was not a State-rights man as it was understood before the war, though he must confess that now the term had a different signifi-He believes in a policy toward the South which will encourage industry and establish prosperity n that section-a generous and magnanimous policy that will establish good will and carry out the real object of the reconstruction measures. As to the future, he was not enough of a prophet to venture upon predictions, and would leave that to those who made political matters a study.

SENATOR PADDOCK OF NEBRASKA. Senator Paddock of Nebraska succeeds Tipton, but is not a Liberal Republican after the ex-Senator's pattern. He thinks the Southern States should have been held as military provinces until such time as the people were prepared to establish new relations with the Federal Government. His confidence in the Republican party is unshaken, though he does not consider it necessary to test his fidelity with those who are more radical or extreme in their views. The course of the Administration in regard to Louisiana does not commend itself to his approval, neither does the effort to seat Pinchback. The future of the party depends, in his opinion, upon a moderate policy toward the South and an honest regard for the needs of a people already burdened with taxes and threatened with greater troubles.

M'MILLAN OF MINNESOTA wouldn't be interviewed on politics

General Von Moltke.

A correspondent of the Monde has been visiting M. Moltke's estates at Creseau, noar Schweidnitz, in Silesia. and gives us an account of the great tactician's day. The Marshal is always the first stirring in his house in

the morning, quitting his little iron bedstead, almost the only furniture of his bed room, at five o'clock. He then, by the aid of a spirit-lamp, warms up some coffee which has been left ready for him overnight, and goes out for a long walk. At ten o'clock he goes up into his library, and, whilst discussing his fragal breakfast of a plate of bouillon, or a glass of wine and a slice of bread and butter, he reads his newspapers and his letters. This finished, he gets to work on military matters, and draws out plans, etc., until noon, when he sleeps till dinner-time (two o'clock). The afternoon is spent in writing letters and walking, and at ten o'clock Von Moltke goes to bed. The Marshal keeps Sunday most rigidly; not a stroke of work is done, but he goes to church at the head of his household, and occupies the rest of the day in religious reading. Von Moltke has a ncere reverence and affection for his wife, who died on the Christmas day of 1868. He himself designed the plan of her tomb, which is situated on an eminence at the end of the park, embowered in cypresses, and consists of a marble monument, with a figure of Christ, and the inscription, "Love is the fulfilment of the law." He always carries the key about with him, and on his arrival in the country

the tomb.

Cutting Out a Half-Married Rival. [Salem (Oregon) Statesman.]

A few days since a young man hailing from the classic precincts of the La Creole applied to the County Clerk of Polk county for a license to marry a young lady, which the accommodating clerk issued. The same day another young man applied for a license to marry. The two licenses were issued for the same girl. The first party hastened to the house of his young inamorata, and, fixed up in gay attire, then hastened to a minister's residence to have the "knot tied" in regular orthodox style. While the ceremony was being performed, party No. 2 came in panting, his face flushed and his almost broken heart thumping perceptibly. In answer to the question if there were any who objected to the bans, No. 2 yelled out he did, at the same time presenting his license duly issued and signed by the county clerk. Here was a quandary the man of God couldn't get through his clerical brain, and he stopped, leaving the party unmarried. No. 1 came to this city the next day to consult an attorney. He was in a world of trouble-frustrated in his cherished desire of wedding his lady-love the day before, he wanted to appeal to the law, perhaps to place an injunction on his rival, No. 2. While No. 1 was taking legal advice No. 2 took the much coveted Rose of Dallas to another dispenser of compubial ties, and was married. When he returned he found that while he had gained his point as to law his rival had gained his point in matrimony.

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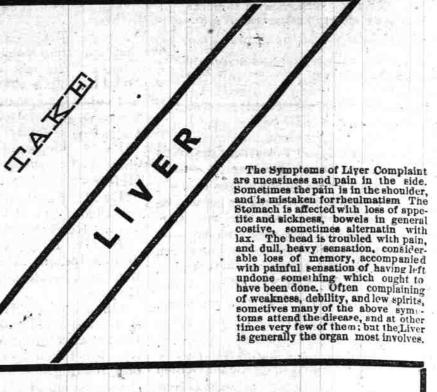
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Passenger and Mail Train Daily (except Sundays). Arrive at Columbia..... Leave Columbia. 8:3) /
Leave Florence. 1:10
Arrive at Wilmington. 7:00
Through connections at Florence with train Charleston.
Through Sleeping Cars on night trains for Charleston and Augusta.

JAMES ANDERSON, Gen'l Sub't nov 24-tf NOTICE.

MAYOR'S OFFICE, City of Wilmington, FROM THIS DATE AUCTIONBERS ARE C. H. Ward's

FASHIONABLE HAIR DRESSING & SHAVing Salson, 7 South Front St., Wilmington, N. C.

N. R.—I have secured the sarvices of the REST.

J. H. ROBINSON, City Marshal.