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WEDNESDAY MORNING, May 17, 1876.

ON THIS TACK THE ENEMY IS TO BE ENCOURAGED.

Our little friend the Oxford Morning Clarion says it is the duty of the Democratic party to encourage the Radicals in their hunt for facts implicating prominent Democrats in wrong doing.

Why not? The Democratic party is the party, professedly and truly, of reform. It has "let no guilty man escape" hitherto.

And such must be the case. In the reason of the thing, in the very nature of the party's present mission, there is no room for indulgence.

BLACKBALLING BRISTOW. Last week Benjamin H. Bristow, Secretary of the Treasury and a prominent aspirant for the Republican nomination for the Presidency, applied for admission to the Union League Club of New York city.

Ordinarily a Radical club would be only too glad to take into its fold so distinguished a gentleman. There are not in that party, even in New York, so many members of Mr. Bristow's character and position as to make it a matter of no consequence when he stands at the door and knocks.

The public deduce this moral: The Republican party has no place for reformers and men of sincere and manly character.

Prof. Peter, of Lexington, Ky., thinks now that the fall of flesh some time ago in that State was simply the result of a kind of post-prandial disgorging by a flock of buzzards who had been feasting themselves more abundantly than wisely on the carcass of a sheep.

Gov. Hendricks' friends in Washington express surprise at the publication in the Baltimore Gazette that he had given up hope of getting the Democratic nomination for the Presidency.

Blaine and Conkling - Even Wine Moils not their hatred. We learn from Washington that Mr. Hoar of Massachusetts brought a mixed company of candidates and their backers together at Wormley's a few days ago, in the hope of friendly intermingling.

Moody, the evangelist, will return to Chicago to dedicate his new church on June 1, but will return to the East for the summer. It is a remarkable fact that Moody avoids Chicago, where he gained his first laurels.

A murderer named Fish was detected and brought to justice in London lately by means of a bloodhound, which scented up a chimney where the skull of the victim - a little girl - was concealed.

General Custer can solve himself after the recent exhibition of White House malice, with the reflection that his name is to be perpetuated through the thriving town of Custer City (named after him), which is located in the Black Hills, and now has a population of 7,500, with corner lots selling at \$1,000.

What Bishop Simpson Told the Almighty. [Frankfort (Ky.) Yeoman.] [N. Y. Sun.]

"The most eloquent prayer ever addressed to the Legislature of Massachusetts," was the description of an invocation once made nominally to Heaven by the Rev. Edward Everett. The Centennial prayer of Bishop Simpson was a remarkable piece of eloquence.

And such must be the case. In the reason of the thing, in the very nature of the party's present mission, there is no room for indulgence. In the language of the Clarion, "if a Democratic official is proven guilty, let him go the way of, and mingle with, the large crew of Radicals now passing to an ignominious retirement and convict cells."

Friday night a party of young men gave Mrs. Sturman, recently married, a serenade at Dahlgreen, Hamilton county, Ill. Starman ordered the party off, but they not leaving at once, he fired into them with a gun, killing Willis Lowery and wounding Bud Burton and Frank Taylor.

The first Democratic County Convention in Michigan to express a preference for Presidential candidates was that at Kalamazoo to day, which by resolution endorsed Tilden, and chose delegates to the State Convention, seven of whom favor Tilden, one Hendricks.

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