SATURDAY MORNING, Jan. 13, 1877

CONKLING'S OPPORTUNITY. Of all men now before the country the vantage ground for a great reputation appears to be held by Hon. Roscoe Conkling, Senator from New York. He has long enjoyed the reputation of being one of the ablest men in the U. S. Senate, and his personal beauty has long been the theme of female letter writers from the National capital, and of Bohemian penny-a-liners generally. He has been a decided party man, has generally supported all Republican measures, and was a formidable candidate for the nominee of his party at

Cincinnati. In former years he has been known to rise above his surroundings, and to speak out clearly in behalf of fair dealing. We gave some weeks ago some important extracts from speech of his in regard to the right of Congress to go behind the returns of the canvassing boards. In 1873 he said among other noticeable things:

"Suppose it turns out that there has been no election at all; suppose the whole election went down, trodden out under the hoof of brute violence; suppose military power or a mob rode over the election, and there were no ballots or ballot boxes at all, and certificates come here, may we not in-quire whether those certified were in truth ap-pointed by Louisicna? After we have inquired, what use or how many uses we may make ultimately of the information it seems to me premature now to consider; the in formation may be of little value if you please, yet surely we can suppose plenty of uses to be made of it within the admitted scope of the Constitution.
"But I go further than to maintain the

naked power of Congress to inquire. insist that we can utilize the result of the inquiry, and employ the facts in our action upon counting or refusing to count electoral votes for President or Vice President.

"To ascertain and make record of the facts, I will vote for the resolution. alone will be wholesome; and I will vote for it also for the use we may make of the facts in counting electoral votes and in determining any other proceeding which may come within our province." There is no evasion here; all is open,

direct, clear. We hope he will stand by that record. We can go farther: we believe he will stand by it. We have good reason to think so because of his recent truly admirable, statesmanlike speech in the Senate on the occasion of introducing the memorial of the New York business men and bankers. That speech, short as it was, was dignified, able and elevated, and lifted him far above the ignoble herd of party clacquers that were ranged around him. The New York Journal of Commerce doubtless speaks advisedly when it avers that by the words, few but fit, which he uttered on that day, "he has made more friends among the substantial men of the two parties than by any other speech or act of his public life." It declares that his remarks "are worthy to have fallen from the best men in the best days of the Republic." And so we think. They placed him in a very conspicuous attitude before the American people. If he only sustains by his future course on the great and serious difficulties that environ the country, the prestige he has won, he will not only reflect great credit upon himself and State, but he will win the approval of a very large majority of the most intelligent people in the United States. He holds a most important situation. He is on the Senate committee of seven, composed of four Republicans and three Democrats. He holds, therefore, the balance of power. It is for him to say which shall be sustained, right or wrong, fairness or fraud, justice or usurpation. He can to a great extent shape the action of that committee. If he is conciliatory, firm for the right, faithful to the Constitution, he may win a name infinitely greater than the one he has borne heretofore. The Journal of Commerce, which is the able, conservative organ of the business centres of New York,

"If he stands unflinchingly on this platform, as a member of that committee, he can do perhaps more than any man to get the country out of its embarrassments. In doing this he and others who work with him will earn and surely receive the grati-tude of all Americans but the politicians. There are no vital issues between the two great parties now. No one can say how soon they may break up and new political combinations be formed; and in that fu-ture the leadership will fall to those menand faithfully in these days of doubt and

The anxiety of the Chandler set not to have the telegrams brought to light shows manifest guilt. If the Administration has sent no messages that betray corruption and rascality, why resist their publication? Let them remember, if they are innocent, what that true poet Robert Burns wrote in the last century:

"Here's freedom to him that wad read. Here's freedom to him that wad write;
There's nane ever fear'd that the truth
should be heard,
But they whom the truth wad fadite."

TWO MADICAL TOOTERS

Senators Sherman and Boutwell nade very bitter, malignant speeches in the Senate a few dats ago. Sherman was ancompromising in his devotedness to Wells and the Returning Board, and was unscrupulously partisan throughout. "Hole in the Sky" Boutwell was terrific in his fierceness. | Both these specimens of course the Democratic party, and if an ignorant looker-on had gathered his first impressions from those two blustering wind-bags, he would have concluded that the "party of high moral ideas" was composed exclusively of honest and just men, and the opposition was made up in its en tirety of whiskey-ring rogues and

penitentiary cut-throats.

But these horn-blowers of party cannot deceive the more thoughtful men of their own party any longer Facts are much more potential just now in settling the embroglio than assertions and denunciations. It is very easy to say, "you are another," when it may be extremely difficult to disprove what is stated. Sherman and Boutwell have no sense of the eternal fitness of things, so they expect to elect Hayes by vituperation, misrepresentation and insult. But the country will not be fooled much longer by such deliberate malevolence and gross perversion of facts. In the Herald, of the 10th, there is a conversation reported between the reporter and a Republican upon the character of the two speeches. The Republican, who heard the two Senators ferociously denouncing the Demoorats, said:

"They seem to be trying to carry the elec-toral count by an attempt to prove that the Republican party is more deserving of suc-cess than the Democratic. But the question does not lie there; you might as well argue that Gov. Hayes ought to be declared elected because he has a heavier beard than Mr. Tilden. The question is, who has got the most votes? and whoever has must be President; that questions remains to be decided. Both Houses have sent committees to the disputed States to find out about it, and declamation against the Democratic party is of no importance. Let us see who Hayes or Tilden he ought to be put in."

The Herald correspondent adds:

"This kind of talk is more frequently heard in private among Republicans than it was some weeks ago, and speeches evidently intended to stir up excitement in the country gain no followers here. Senator Wright's speech the other day is regretted by the greater number of Republicans in both Houses as uncalled for and unwise.

We believe the calm, dignified earnest appeals of the business men of New York, Philadelphia and Cincinnati are exciting a healthful, peaceful, calming influence. Both parties are toning down. None but extreme men desire a fight. The law is to be the great arbiter. As Gov. Vance said, so hundreds of thou-sands feel "Show us the law; that

HE OUGHT TO HAVE SPOKEN.

We cannot agree with the generally judicious New York Journal of Commerce in what it says of Gov. Williams of Indiana. It commends him specially for his omitting mention of the Presidential trouble, and thinks he has set a good example to his official brethren for all time. The times are most extraordinary and require most extraordinary treatment. In the piping times of peace when all is quiet, and no fears are felt for the stability of our government, we incline to the opinion that papers emanating from the Chief Executives of States should have but little to say of Federal politics. But not so now. With the danger of being robbed of our liberties by usurpation and violence, it is no time to be silent. We believe that Uncle Blue-Jeans Williams ought to have spoken manly and earnest words in behalf of his country, and have told Grant and the other conspirators that the people demanded and would have a fair, honest settlement of the difficulties now threatening the very life of the

The New York Herald has the following telegram from its New Orleans representative relative to Gen. Uranges : restreet

"Gen. Longstreet was interviewed by your correspondent to night, and expressed his firm conviction that the Nicholls government had been fairly elected; that it should and would be sustained. The Returning Board had been unjust in its action, and he declined recognizing it in any event. The outrages occurring had no political significance any more than if they had occurred in Maine. New York or Illinois. He does not believe that any intimidation, so-called, occurred at this election. Any irregularities that may have occurred were fully counterbalanced. He considers the face of the returns a fair indication of the results and as giving the Democrats. the face of the returns a fair indication of the results, and as giving the Democrats the State unquestionably. He proposed to take no action in the matter whatever, but, if compelled to do so, it would certainly be in favor of the Nicholls government."

Prices for cotton were higher in Liverpool last Saturday, and 30,000 bales, an unprecedentel sale, was made on that day. The reason for the improvement abroad is the small receipts at Ameridan ports and the interior towns, coupled with the prosperous condition of the trade in the manufacturing districts.

THE RESULT OF A SECOND MAR-RIAGE.

Commodore Vanderbilt married five years ago his second wife, who Miss Crawford, a native of Mobile, Alabama, and a grand daughter of the late eminent Judge Everett, of Mobile. Bishop McTviere, of the Methodist Church, and President o the Vanderbilt University at Nash ville, Tennessee, married Miss Town end, a first cousin of Mrs. Vander bilt. It was because of his last mar riage with a comparatively young and attractive woman, when he had arrived at the advanced age of 77, that Vanderbilt was induced to give one million of dollars to endow the University named after him. What could not a young wife do with such an old gentleman? But a greater benefit than this flowed from the union of the young and the old. Mrs. Vanderbilt is a Methodist, and a very zealous member of Rev. Dr. Deems' church, the Church of the Strangers. By his marriage, the old Commodore was brought in contact with such able ministers of the Gospel as Bishop McTyiere, Rev. Drs. Deems, Moran and others, and he began to yield to Christian influences. The result was, he became a disciple of the Lord Jesus Christ, and died in hope of a blissful hereafter. All this, no doubt, flowed from his last fortunate marriage. We may mention that Dr. Moran received a magnificent gold watch a year or so ago as a present from his aged friend, who had caused it to be imported at a cost of some \$400, we believe.

BANNING ON THE SITUATION. Among the speakers at the Washington Democratic mass meeting on the 8th inst. was Congressman Banning, who made a rousing stump speech. He said:

"They tell us now-a-days that they have no use for Democrats. When the rebels drove them back pell-mell from Bull Run, didn't they come over and get our lacticllan to reorganize their army and then 'relieve' him? Didn't they get our McClellan to save them at Antietam? When they were being driven back again didn't they get our Rosecranz to help them? When the Secretary of War, the elder Cameron, lost the confidence of the people and could not perform his duties, didn't they come and get our Stanton? The conspirators may use fraud, and we will be patient. We may even allow their frauds to succeed; but they shall use no force. I want to say to these men, 'Not a bayonet must enter that house,' "(pointing to the Capitol.) This sentence brought out deafening cheers.

A HERO.

Henry Islop McIvor, a brave and adventusous Scotsman, deserves to be better known. The Rahway, N. J. National Democrat gives this brief sketch:

"Henry Islop McIvor, a native of Edin-burgh, is a leader in the Servian army. He has fought on four continents in twenty years, almost always on the side of the smallest number. He gained a medal in the Indian mutiny, fought under Garibaldi in 1859, under Lee in 1861, for the Mexicans after the rebellion, and with the In-dian skirmishers in Texas. He was in the Cretan rebellion, served in the patriot army in Cuba for a while, and then had a cavalry command in Egypt. He fought in France under Faidherbe against the Germans, turned up in Paris as a communist went to Herzegovina as a correspondent of a London paper, and is now a leader of Servian irregulars."

It reads like a huge joke to hear a New York paper talking of a street fight between two men being a shock to the civilization of the North. We should think that a people who had nursed and caressed such specimen representatives as Butler, Boutwell, Belknap, Ames, Babcock, Colfax, Chandler, Simon Cameron, Grant, Tweed, Jay Gould, Beecher, and a thousand other creatures of similar aspirations, principles and opinions, could stand for a few seconds a struggle between two young athletes. But then some folks are easily shocked at small things, when they seem abundantly able to put up with a vast amount of rascality, venality, debauchery and crime. But a New York editor must have some new excitement, some fresh topic to hammer on, or he is miserable and inconso-

Commodore Vanderbilt's charities were expended by himself. He gave \$50,000 to the Church of the Strangers and \$1,000,000 to the Methodist University at Nashville, named in his honor, and these we believe are all. He left over fifty millions, but not one cent goes to benevolent purposes. As we mention elsewhere,

many, but always to his own advantage; directly he gave nothing outside of his family. He did absolutely nothing beyond his money-making operations to make the world better for his having lived in it. His example is not one to be followed."

The special Washington correspondent of the New York Herald writes: "There is no doubt that the more the question is studied by the members of both. Houses the more the opinion gains grounds that there is no solid foundation for the claim that the Vice President has the constitutional power to count the vote. Meantime every day or two produces some new plan for evading the diffi-

They do say that Judge Trumbull will be voted for against Logan, and may beat him. What a glorious swap for the country that would be ! Trumbull is one of the ablest men in the U.S., is a fair-minded Republican, and is a good man for these times. Since the above was written we have seen that the Democrats of the Illinois Legislature bad nominated him. His nomination is acceptable to the Liberals, which will insure

his election. New York merchants are flattering themselves that there will be a good trade this Spring. They are doomed to disappointment, we fear. If the political muddle could be settled there might be a fair trade, but not without. The South, if wise, will buy very lightly.

The Baltimore Sun makes this renark, which deserves indorsement: "As we have before said, if Mr. Bennett committed such offenses as were ascribed to him, it would have been better for him to have made a manly apology, and, the May family having got rid of him; Mr. May should have permitted him to 'go in peace,' without further scandal and breach of the

The property holders of South Caroline are rallying strongly to the Hampton Government. They are paying their taxes promptly, and so great is the enthusiasm of the people there is an active rivalry in endeavoring to be the first to pay.

Vanderbilt's will is to be contested it is thought. It is a pity a very rich man is not allowed to have his own

Hon. Alexander H. Stephens had hemorrhage from the lungs on last Friday. He is again convalescing.

POLITICAL POINTS

- The Boston Herald pertinently says: "We had one long bloody war to save the Union. Must we have another to preserve the Constitution ?"

- Governor Haves has something o say in his message concerning party po lities in State elections, but not a word concerning Returning Boards and frauds in portunity to have congratulated Ohio on having no Returning Board, and to have warned his people never to institute a Re-turning Board.—Nashville American

- The proofs are conclusive that Mr. Hayes, in his eagerness to get the Presidency, even on a "tainted" return, has attempted negotiatious (through his representatives in Washington) with various Southern Democratic members of Congress, for the purpose of securing their votes if the election goes into the House. It is known, and the quasi-denials of some of the Republican papers do not help the case for them or for their candidate. -Hartford

- The Democrats of Maine, thro' their State committee, demand that "Congress shall honestly and impartially ascertain the result of the election upon the same principle and through the same pro-cess by which the results of all previous na-tional elections have been ascertained and declared since the foundation of our government." And they pledge the 60,000 Democrats of Maine to render willing obcdience to such a decision. This is manly and sensible talk .- Boston Post.

PERSONAL.

- John Hendricks, youngest brother of Gov. Hendricks, died at Delhi, Ohio, on Friday of last week. -Ebenezer Jolleff, a bachelor of sixty, living at Branchville, in Connecticut, was recently found frozen to death in his

- George Eliot was a pupil of Herbert Spencer, who, thirty years ago, asked her in marriage. She is now fifty-seven, and has made \$500,000 by her wri-

- One of Mr. Bennett's sports is cut off, but he can a-polo-gize for not going Maying any more by referring to his duel at Slaughter Gap, where a happy gap prevented any serious slaughter. — Baltimore

- Others besides Mr. Hayes are claiming the Presidency. Mr. Robert Mc-Cord, an insane man, has just been arrested n New York. "He carried a satchel which he said contained the returns from all the States, including Dade county, Florida, and the bulldozed parishes of Louisiana, and which he declared showed plainly that ne was elected President of the United

- Mr. Gladstone having been requested to advise a "Young Liberal" in the election of a few good books, recommends Green's "History of the English People, 'Hallam's Constitutional History of England," "Ranke's History of England,"
"Guizot's History of the Great Rebellion,"
and "Sir E. May's Parliamentary History of England," as "free from the spirit of partisanship."

- Mr. Vanderbilt was asked one day what was the secret of his success in business. "Secret? There is no secret about it. All you have to do is to attend to your business and go ahead." At another time he said: "The secret of my success is this, I never tell what I am going to do until I have done it." This was nearer the mark. He kept his own counsel and never betrayed his best friend-himself.

LITERARY NOTES.

- Mrs. Piatt, one of the most original of American poets, has just published another volume of verse.

- The best criticism, altogether, we have read on "Daniel Deronda," is in the Atlantic Monthly, from the pen of Henry James, Jr. It is highly discriminating. - A posthumous addendum to Professor Agassiz's contributions to the natural history of the United States will soon be printed, illustrating the North American star fishes.

- Canon F. W. Farrar's sermons with the title, "In the Days of Thy Youth," are out. If his sermons are as charming as his "Life of Christ," one of the most interesting books in our language, it will be

refreshing to read them. - The great French enclyclopædia of Lorousse, entitled "Grand Dictionnaire Universel du XIXme Siecle," has been completed by the publication of the fifteenth volume. The price of the whole work is 526 francs, and the amount of matter it contains is more than double that of any existing cyclopædia of modern date.

TWINKLINGS.

- The public debt was increased in December to the tune of over \$3,500,000. Secretary Morrill may well be set down as

Rochester Democrat: A mountain in Switzerland gives back an echo for-ty-nine times. With such a returning board as that Mr. Tilden would be all right.

- Augusta Constitutionalist: woman only stubs her toe once to a man's six, but when she does she goes down like a tipped-over churn, and cuts a postage stamp out of both elbows.

- A recent scientific book has the songs of birds set to music, and gives a very nice composition on the tomtit. let the author give the Roman candle note of the tom cat in Wagnerian octaves.

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Courier Journal.

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- Governor Hampton has ap ointed for Greenville county Wm. W lilreath, Treasurer; and Ben Morgan,

- A large number of gentlemen arrived in Columbia Tuesday from Laurens. They are quartered at the several hotels of the city, and are brought thither by a summons from the Senatorial com-

- Mrs. Elizabeth Pringle, relict of he late John Pringle, died on Saturday night, December 30th, at the residence of her son-in-law, M. D. Lee, near Concord Church, in Sumter county. She was about eighty years old. - Mr. Wentworth Durant, resid-

ing in the neighborhood of Plowden's Mill, had his smoke house broken into, through the roof, and a quantity of meat carried off by rogues, who succeeded in getting away without being discovered.

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of this summons make due return to the Clerk of said Court for the County of Columbus.

Given under my hand and seal of said Court, this 27th day of November, 1876.

W. M. BALDWIN,

SUPERIOR COURT, COLUMBUS COUNTY. John A. Maultsby, Trustee, O. H. Williamson It appearing to the satisfaction of this Court that the above named Defendant is not a resident of this State, and cannot. after due diligence, be found therein, and that the subject of this action is real estate, in this State, in which the Defendant claims

estate, in this State, in which the Detendant claims interest.

Now, on motion, it is erdered that publication of the summons in this action be made in the Morning Star, a newspaper published in the City of Wilmington, once a week for six weeks, and that a copy of the summons and complaint be forthwith deposited in the postoffice, prepaid, directed to the Defendant at Darlington, in the State of South Carolina.

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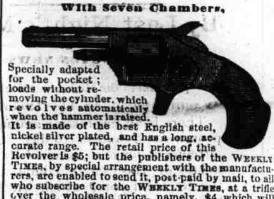
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