By WILLIAM H. BERNARD.

WILMINGTON, N. C .: SUNDAY MORNING, March 18, 1877.

A CURIOUS MINORITY.

The Brooklyn Union-Argus refers to the Democratic party as a "powerful minority." A very strange minority considering it has one House of Congress and is not far behind in the Senate. A very curious minority, truly, considering it gave Tilden and Hendricks a popular majority of 264, 829, and considering farther that it gave them an actual electoral majority of 23 votes.

Whilst noticing the above absurd statement, let us refer for a moment to another misrepresentation of the facts. It is not uncommon for Radi cal papers to assume that the Northern people are overwhelmingly opposed to the Democratic party. They speak, indeed, as if that party was so hopelessly in the minority it could never hope to win. Let us look at some figures and facts. In the election held in November, 1876, even in New England, that hot-bed of Radicalism, where the virus exudes from the skin of the "trooly loil" as gum does from a peach tree or resin from a pine tree, the vote was as follows:

Hayes.	Tilden.
Connecticut 59,034	
Maine 66,300	49,823
Massachusetts150,063	108,777
New Hampshire 41,539	38,509
Rhode Island 15,787	10,712
Vermont 44,092	20,254
Totals	290,009

This is not such a desperate showing. Only some 86,000 Radical majority in six States. Now let us look at the vote of the three great States:

1,204,027 1,211,289 Add New England States 376,815 290,009 1,580,832 1,501,298

Radical maj. in 9 States. 69,534

After all sixty-nine thousand majority in over three millions of votes is no great thing to brag over. It is not an impossible majority to over-The Democrats appear to be a "powerful minority" even in the centre of Radicalism.

"NORTHERN EMIGRANTS IN THE

"If the South has got any remnants of institutions or social or intellectual region and a free press, the sooner she gets rid of them the better. The one thing she cannot afford above all others now is to set up either a moral or intellectual inspection of people who are inclined to emigrate to her territory. The proportion of disagreeable persons that she is likely to get through the freest of welcomes is not at all great, and even this minority will have a healthy though possibly temporarily irritating influ-ence upon her society. The day has gone by for that society to put on sectional airs and extreme exclusiveness-gather up its skirts, either literally or metaphorically and turn out with contempt upon the passer by or the new-comer simply because such new-comer is from the Northern States. The North has done the South 'all the injury that it can, - if it has ever, in the broadest historical sense, done it any injury at all, -now its power and its presence are only to bless, and the more fully the Southern people appreciate this as the bottom fact of the situation, the sooner will they be blessed."—Springfield R-publican.

This is the concluding paragraph of an editorial in the Springfield (Massachusetts) Republican of March 14. We like the boldness and candor which ordinarily distinguish this able paper, and copy the above that our readers may see what sort of views obtain in the most intelligent New England circles concerning the

a man born in New England, and whose life has been spent in that section where so many countless "isms' and so, much vile political philosophy abound, cannot understand the South. It is simply an impossibility. It if seless to reason with him. He is as incapable of understanding you as the conventional Scotch an, according to Sydney Smith, is incapable of relishing or understanding a joke. The article from which the above is taken, shows that as well-informed a journal as the Republican is has not the slightest knowledge of our people, and, without perhaps designing to do so, misrepresents the views of our people by skiltully mingling truth and error.

We have only this to say as to immigration from New England or any section. The South has ancestral faiths and traditions which its people cherish most tenderly, and which they would fain preserve. The South, prior to the war, applied no political tests to New Englanders that came to our land and settled. She applied neither political nor religious tests. A stranger came then and went to work. If he were worthy he was sure to make friends, and, in almost every instance, to make money. Many of the best, most useful, most honorable citizens of the South were either born in New England, or came from Great Britain or from the Continent.

There was no royal road to social elevation then in the South, just as there is none now in New England. A man had to work himself up, and many of the most illustrious men in North Carolina were born and reared in the North.

Since the war we have generally had another class of Northern men to settle among us. . They were too often politicians, and not of the higher type. They intermeddled, oppressed, afflicted us. They caused great and continued trouble. Horace Greeley understood them precisely, and has described them most graphically in the nervous and lucid English of which he was so great a master. Now, we are not anxious to invite or welcome any of that class. We are quite satisfied with the supply already on hand, although it is

fortunately very greatly reduced. Honest men, industrious men, well meaning men can come with the as surance of being well-received and well-treated. Their social standing will depend to a considerable extent upon themselves, and will be regulated by laws that govern Springfield and Boston society. They can be Republicans or Democrats without being abused or suspected. If they do not seek office, they will be apt to vote with the Democrats before they will have lived many years in the South. They will then understand their own necessities as residents in the South, and will understand the necessities of their neighbors, and when election time comes they will be all apt to vote together for the Democratic candidates. And lastly, such immigrants, after living for a term of years among us, will learn much concerning the native Southerner that they never could have learned by remaining in New England, where a mode of, life and of thought so very different prevails.

Republican Soreheads in Trouble-Proposed Caucus.

Washington, March 15. It is understood that a caucus of the Republican Senators is urged for to-morrow to discuss some matters which are giving them much trouble. They think, for one thing, that President Hayes is too anxious to get rid of them, and several of them did not think it altogether proper for Secretary Sherman to be on the floor of the Senate to-day telling Senators that nothing would please President Hayes better than for them to go home. There is considerable dissatisfaction at the determination which it is said has been arrived at by the administration to generally reappoint are about expiring. Many Republican Senators agree with the Tennessee Methodist minister that Grant's appointees have been in long enough. They do not relish the idea which is dawning on them that they are not to have much influence in the matter of appointments. The reappointment of the present board of Southern claims commissioners is also objected to by some. Then some of the more radical Senators are auxious for the introduction of a resolution recognizing Packard and Chamberlain, simiar to the resolution recognizing Kellogg which was passed at the extra session of the Senate in 1875. It is doubtful whether anything practical can come of discussing these matters, but it will at any rate afford the opportunity to let off a little steam.

Beath of Madame Le Vert.

Madame Octavia Walton Le Vert, the well-known authoress, died near Augusta, Ga., on Friday. Madame Le Vert came of distinguished stock. Her grandfather, George Walton, a native of Prince Edward county, Va., was one of the signers of the Declaration of Independence. He was a member of the first Cougress convened at Philadelphia, and held successively the offices of Governor of Georgia and judge of the Supreme Court. George Walton, his second son, was educated at Princeton, N. J., and married Miss Sallie Misge Walker, the daughter of a distinguished lawyer of Georgia. Octavia was the result of this marriage, having been born at Belle Vue, near Augusta. Shortly after her birdhear her parents removed to Florida, of which State General Jackson was then Covernor. Col. Walton succeeded the General in the Governorship of the new State. When Miss Walton grew up she developed great intelligence and soon became a leader in the world of fashion and letters. Her society was courted by the most brilliant people of the time, and she numbered Gen. Lafayette, Washington Irving, Lamartine, Lady Emmeline Stuart Wertley, Henry Clay, and many other famous persons among her intimate friends. In 1836 Miss Walton married Dr. Henry Le Vert. of Mobile, which city was thenceforth her principal residence, After a prolonged visit to Europe, where she was received with distinguished attention, Madame Le Vert published in 1854 the well-known Souvenirs of Travel, one of the most successful books of the kind ever issued in America. Her fortune being much reduced during the war, she afterwards gave poetic readings in the leading cities. - Balti-

- Superintendent Mill, sof the Okford Orphan Home, says his correspondence furnishes some strange specimens of speiling. For instance: A poor widow wants her children "edgecaighted." A man marks his letter "Olkuveard, N. C."

Tapping the Telegraph—A Rogue with a bocket Instrument—Bogus Orders to b Messenger—\$4,000 Gene

A Pittsburg telegram of Wednesday says: A well-planned and skillfully-executed express robbery was perpetrated in this city last night. Superintendent Bingham of the Express Company gives the following particulars this evening: Yesterday afternoon, when the Buffalo express south reached Brady's Bend, a telegram was handed Thos. Bingham, express messenger, which instructed him to transfer his packages, &c., to H. Brooks, at Templeton, and return to Parker's Landing and wait orders. This was dated Pittsburg, and signed George Bingham, superintendent. Templeton is a small station on the Allegheny Valley railroad, fifty miles from this city. The Buffalo express south and train going north meet there and stop for supper.

On the arrival of the train at Templeton a man stepped into the express car and told Messenger Bingham he was ordered to relieve him and take his run to Pittsburg. Mr. Bingham asked him for his instructions, and he produced a telegram addressed to H. Brooks, instructing Brooks to relieve Bingham at Templeton and bring the express matter to Pittsburg. This was also signed "George Bingham." Superintendent Bingham, af ter the transfer to Brooks, took the north train to Parker's, and Brooks came to this city in charge of the express car. At the depot in this city his goods were checked off correctly, and he got in the wagon with the driver to deliver the goods and report at the general office, on Fifth avenue. The robbery was committed in the wagon between the depot and office. He jumped from the wagon unnoticed by the driver when less than half a square from the office. The safe was found open and money packages amounting to four thousand dollars missing when delivered at the office. Brooks cut the railroad telegraph wire this side of Templeton, drew the wire into a watch-house, and then with a pocket instrument he sent the bogus messages which operated so

Business in Philadelphia

successfully.

[North American, 15th.] The situation in trade circles presented no new features yesterday. His own party are giving up the contest in his behalf.—New York Tribune. The business transacted was mode rate in volume and moved without excitement or activity worthy of special mention. Values continue firm, especially for staple articles of which the stock in first and second hands cannot be called equal to the ordinary wants of the trade. The low range of values established for most of the leading articles of merchandize, and the strong credit of the mercantile community generally, give promise of a satisfactory improvement in business during the present spring season, but the indications are that the movements will be gradual and not marked den activity. The monetary situation is unchanged and the supply of loanable funds continues largely in excess of the demand, even at low rates of interest. The shrinkage in values which has been going on in securities for some time past has naturally decreased the demand from the Stock Exchange, while the absence of anything like activity in general business lessens the inquiry for discounts at bank and on the street.

The Bird Law.

The act passed at the recent session of the General Assembly, rati fied the 7th of March, recites that experience and observation have shown that the insect-destroying birds afford material protection to grain crops, and that the exportation of quails or partridges from the tier of counties along the great railroad lines is likely to result in the extermination of those beautiful and useful birds. It is therefore enacted that it shall be unlawful to export quails or partridges, dead or alive, from the counties of Catawba, Rowan, Guilford, Alamance, Rockingham. Orange, Iredell, Davie, Gaston, Columbus, Davidson, Anson or Forsyth, under penalty of a fine not exceeding fifty dollars, and imprisonment not exceeding thirty days, for each and every such offence.

It will be noted that the exportation, dead or alive, is only prohibited. It was thought this would afford the needed protection. Gunning or netting is not prohibited; but as these can only be indulged for private sport or home use, they cannot result in anything like extermination of these magnificent game birds.-Greensboro Patriot.

Scandal Among the Spiritualists—Ar Editor Shot Dead.

CHICAGO, March 15. Stephen S. Jones, editor of the Religio-Phitosophical Journal, was shot dead in his office this afternoon by Dr. W. C. Pike, who immediately gave himself up. Jones lived with his family at St. Charles, Ills. He was sixty-five years old and reputed wealthy. It appears Pike and his wife have been rooming in Jones' building this winter and without paying rent, and it is surmised this may have caused the trouble. Pike alleges as the reason for the killing that Jones seduced his wife, and he produces a confession signed by his wife to that effect. Mrs. Pike confirms her husband's story, but the friends of the deceased declare he was incapable of the alleged crime. All the parties involved are Spiritualists, and the affair causes considerable excitement. Pike was held this P. M., without bail, to the Criminal Court.

That Commodere Vanderbilt in his final sickness should devote himself to his bible was natural, but it is rather odd to For a moment we wondered where he lived. But the interpretation is plain; he meant "Old Guilford, N. C." his bible was natural, but it is rather odd to see Cornelius, Jr., showing suc. affection for his last testament.—Balto. Gazette.

POLITICAL PARAGRAPHS.

— Carl Schurz certainly anchored in a very muddy harbor when he came to a rest in the Interior Department, where Columbus Delano and Zach Chandler had been before him.

- Morton's man, Tyner, lately Postmaster General, is not the man to refuse the offer to become Key's assistant, with control of all the patronage north of the Ohio river. There is plenty of fat for Morton in that offer.

- It has been asked, with great simplicity, why it is that the Republican members of the Pennsylvania Legislature rush so frantically to carry out the will and wishes of the veteran Senator, just now about shedding his Senatorial skin. The answer is plain. It is because "the ox knoweth his owner and the ass his master's

- The Pittsburgh Telegraph discusses the resignation under the poetic cap-tion of "The Broken Sceptre." It starts with: "Died, politically, March 12, 1877 Simon Cameron, at the end of a long and notable reign; so reads, rightly interpreted, the six-line communication submitted by the Governor to the Legislature of this State yesterday afternoon.'

- Most of the Democratic journals are not in a humorous mood these days, but the Cincinnati Enquirer cannot resist the temptation to poke a little fun. It says: "Mr. Tilden will not be a candidate for President in 1880. The House formally declared him elected by resolution on the 3d instant, and Mr. Tilden has emphatically announced all along that he was a one-term

- The Republican party has met its fate in the question which it has all these years been putting off for another day. That day is come, and it must decide before going further whether it will travel on the broad highway of union, justice and peace, or wander off among the pitfalls and prejudices into which rings and conspira-tors treacherously lead its feat.—Norfolk

- Senator Blaine may as well understand at this early stage of politics that while the Republican party is strong, and even indispensable, it cannot exist by maintaining impracticable, selfish and exclusive practices in the Senate of the United States. There is a wide difference between party and country, especially in these times, when the mere partisan forgets country and when the country stands ready to forget partisans.—Philadelphia Press.

- Governor Chamberlain's predicament seems to be even worse than that of Governor Packard. Our Washington dispatches give a statement of the situation in South Carolins, which shows that he is not able to preserve even the semblance of Executive authority; he is simply a prisoner of State in his own office, protected against expulsion by Federal troops. Not only the people but the courts are against him, the authority of Governor Hampton being recognized by the highest court in the State.

TWINKLINGS.

- Senator Davis covers 825 square

- It is rumored that striped stockings are going out of fashion; but it is hard be certain about it.

- If Mr. Wheeler should ever ask Senator Davis to take the chair wouldn't it be rather embarrassing to the latter? - Mr. Bennett is in Algiers, considering himself, may be, a soldier of thee

legion, since Slaughter Station. - The New York World says that when Matilda Heron died Camille died

- "When I die," said a married man. "I want to go where there is no snow to shovel." His wife said she presumed he

- Girls don't be afraid to work.

Ruth gleaned in the harvest-field and got just as good a Boaz as any girl in the neigh-- The New Orleans Times says

that in that locality "the horrors of the political excitement are gradually yielding to the tortures of base ball."

- The following paragraphs, intended to have been printed separately, were by some blunder so arranged that they read consecutively in a Paris journal:
"Dr. — has been appointed head physician to the Hospital de la Charite.—Orders have been issued by the authorities for the immediate extension of the cemetery of Mount Parnasse; the works are being executed with the utmost dispatch.

- A Detroit boy constructed a boomerang and went into the back-yard to practice. Shortly afterward he was carried into the house by the servant girl and the house painter, his nose being smashed flat and his front teeth shaky. The boomerang didn't drop at his feet, either because it wasn't a good day for boomerangs or because the boy wasn't born in Australia.—

Detroit Free Press.

— Cardinal Woolsey must have viewed his latter end complacently in com-parison with the pangs Simon Cameron feels at being snubbed by the President and sued for a breach of promise at the same time. Had he but served his country with half the zeal he served himself he would not have been left to go it alone without any trumps in his extremity.

PERSONAL.

- Dr. Slade, the spiritualist, is about to return to this country. — Tilden's revenge is come at last. Tupper is writing "An Ode to President

- Senator Spencer asked Vinnie Ream where he could buy a first class statoo of the Carnival of Venus.

- Joaquin Miller's divorced wife Minnie Dyer, has married an Oregon exchief of police named Thomas Logan.

- Don Cameron's speech, accept ng the Radical nomination for the Sena torship from Pennsylvania, was the first oratorical effort of his life. - Henry Ward Beecher prayed in

the lower house of the Wisconsin Legisla . ture. If that doesn't pull them through they must be in a bad way. - Mrs. Haskell has given such hearty satisfaction as the State Librarian

of the Legislature of Tennessee that she is been re-elected without opposition. - Ladies' dresses will fit more closely than ever this spring. Their dresses will be made so tight, indeed, that lovely woman will lose her last relic of superiority over man-she won't be able to put her clothes on over her head any more. - Hawk-

- A married man up town had blue glass put in his wife's sitting room-to match her eyes, he said. She returned the compliment by having red glass put in her husband's library—to match his nose, she said. He didn't seem to appreciate the compliment.

- Like so many other people who have distinguished themselves of late, Mr. F. T. Palgrave, who is likely soon to to be Professor of Poetry at Oxford, is of Jew-ish origin. His father, Sir Francis Palgrave, an eminent literary man, took that name in heu of Cohen. . .

PALMETTO LEAVES.

- P. Heller killed a hog at Kings. ree last week weighing 788 pounds grovs The erratic Wright has turned up again; this time where he belongs-on the upreme Court bench.

- Judge Cooke says that if Hampton is not recognized as Governor, he intends to be both Judge and Governor of the eighth circuit.

- Of the six attaches of the Spartanburg Court-one crier and five constables-every one was serving in his present official capacity as long ago as 1850, twen-

ty-seven years ago. - A special patrol for the purpose of looking out for incendiaries is spoken of among the merchants of Camden. The plan is to organize a company of young men, who will do guard duty by turns.

- Ex-Governor Sprague, of Rhode sland, arrived at Columbia Thursday, and will remain for several days. His visit is understood to have reference to speedy action in the matter of the canal and cotton factories. He says he has only waited so long for a settled condition of affairs here, as he did not care to invest capital under the management of previous administrations His presence and promises afford much encouragement in business circles.

Notice.

ALL PERSONS HOLDING CLAIMS AGAINST the County of New Hanover, in Warrants, &c., ismed previous to the 1st of January, 1577, are requested to present a list of the same to the Special

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