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WILMINGTON, N. C .:

THURSDAY MORNING, May 16, 1878.

ABSENTERISM.

We have before referred absenteeism that distinguishes the Democratic side of the present Congress. It is quite censurable this way of neglecting the people's business. Congressmen are paid large salaries, and they should either attend to the business in hand or come home and let others fill their places who will not regard their offices as mere sinecures. The other day when the Florida question was up before the House, and the Republicans began to filibuster, there were 28 Democrats absent. The Republicans took advantage of this and refused to vote, thus leaving the House without a quorum, and so it had to adjourn. There are mough Democrats in Washington to make a quorum, but the trouble is to hunt them up. Some are drinking, and others are at disreputable places, and so the great business of the country is neglected. This is not the first time that the Republicans have carried the day through the culpable neglect of Democrats. We venture to say that the late Gov. Graham never neglected public business for an hour during his long career: The man that makes politics his busifiess should give his attention to politics, and not to drinking, gambling and dissipation generally. Such Representatives are not only inefficient, but they bring reproach upon the people who send them. During our lass Legislature there was great complaint of absenteeism. Legislators should attend during business hours just ay bankers, merchants and others do. No man can aid in making good laws who spends his time over games of chance, and in applying "hot, rebellique liquors" to his stomach. Send sobe, industrious, reliable men to the

wise and beneficent laws. THE TRUTH TOLD.

Senator Angus Cameron has at las a defender. The leading Northern Republican papers repudiated utterly his article in the North American Review, and the Southern editors went for the bellicose Wisconsian with both fists, hitting out squarely from the shoulder. In fact it appeared as if Angus was as friendless as weakly Senator Howe, upon whom tor has the boldness to advocate as the necessary practice of his party in ly hungry and very easily satisfied. the approaching campaign if it would win. After all, it may be regarded as a fortunate circumstance that one Radical Senator has the candor and fearlessness to openly proclaim the policy he regards as absolutely essen tial-a policy that leads to the most censurable practices, and stirs up the worst passions of our nature. But we must copy some of the points made by our Washington contempo-

"Why, then, should it be met with such a storm of denunciation by the regulation Radical organs? Simply because Senator Cameron, having undertaken to write on a certain subject, chose to write the truth about it, and declined to propagate shams. The Radical newspaper organs which criti-cise or lampoon Senator Cameron for telling so many truths in such plain phrase about the science of Radical party-management, are themselves up to the elbows in the practice of that science at this moment, cramming their columns with tales of Southern outrages, howling themselves black in the ace about Southern claims, and exhausting every device of base and malignant partisan ingenuity to recruit the Radical ranks and restore the Radical morale—which consists, and always has consisted, of ignorance inflamed by fanaticism. \* \* \* \*
The Senator understands the situation a great deal better, and faces it with infinitey more spirit than they. What his article neans is, that the time has come when the Radical party must throw off its threadbare disguises and take its stand openly in its true character and under its real colors. This is not only frank doctrine, but it is strong political common sense. The day when the platitudes of platforms and the clap-trap of Schurzian orators can delude the people has gone by. If the Radical party stands the ghost of a show in the oming canvass, it will be on the line of policy mapped out by Cameron; that is to say, a general 'whoop-up-the-boys' policy, without any of the lolly-pop of Schurz or the kid-slippered, velveteen cant of George William Curtis. The people may or may not be disgusted with the 'machine politics' described in the screed of Cameron; but they are certainly so nauseated with the Holy Willie's Prayer of Schurz that no repetition of it can be made to stay on their political stomachs. If the Radicals ever win another election in this country, it will be by the sheer force of machine litics, and the machine will have to be ubricated with all the profits of the syndicate and all the dividends of the national banks for the last three years. But it basn't ghost of a show to succeed under the leadership of the elderly females in male attire who run the administration or edit the organs in Chicago and New York."

KAISER WILLIAM.

The dastardly attempt to assassinate the aged and heroic Emperor of Germany is an outgrowth of the comnunistic craze that just now curr certain sections and certain victims. The assassin, Max Hoedel, is a socialistic leader, and is a fanatic of the worst order. The Herald telegram

"The prisoner had in his possession several socialistic and democratic writings, tickets of membership of several Berlin ocialistic unions and the likenesses of two socialistic leaders. He declared that he belonged to no party, but was an anarchist, the enemy of all political parties, the pre-sent condition of society and public institu-

The incident has caused great excitement in Berlin. It makes men fear that there is great trouble brewing, and that there are foes in the dark ready to strike their unsuspecting victims at any hour. The Berliu correspondent of the London Daily

"The result is a feeling of serious unessi-ess and anxiety. The event opens out a vision of possibilities which had hardly been considered, and which are really ap-palling when calmly contemplated. I have never known Berlin so grave and even depressed as at this abrupt and startling summons to prepare for unseen, unrealized and terrible dangers—to resist a foe whom want, hatred and sentiment can apparently drive to the point of desperation."

This is a year for expeditions i search of the North Pole or an open Polar Sea. England is to send ou at least two expeditions, America one, and the Dutch one. If all these adventures should result in advancing science or in benefitting the human family, the large expenditure of money and the risks incident to such voyages will not have been in vain It is probably well that such an impulse has been given to Arctic exploration. If these various expeditions should not accomplish much in solv ing vexed questions, there will be an end probably of such adventures for nany years to come.

hall of legislation if you wish to have We are moving in this country There is no doubt of it there is progress, but whether up or down remains to be seen. Here is the latest evidence. It is an advertisement in the New York Herald:

> "A Poet and Novelist of acknowledged ability desires the acquaintance of a lady matrimonially inclined. Address, inclosing

The World does not feel certain that the fellow who thus advertises himself is really "one of those dam literary fellers," but that he merely everybody sat down. But he has at least one friend who sticketh closer to him than a brother. It is none other than the lively and excellent resorts to this sort of trick "to lure unwary females." Considering there are many thousands of poets and as many novelists in this country, it is crat and member of the Judiciary

only indicate that she was prodigious-

Since the Northern Representatives have renewed their old way of hurl ing epithets and saying savage things of each other, we do not hear any Northern editor complaining of their vulgarity and bad breeding. Onlyet a Southerner wax warm and indulge a little temper, and we have many pious essays upon "plantation manners," and the paragraphers nib their pens afresh to point a moral and adorn a falsehood. Judge Kelley and Representative O'Neil, from Pennsylvania, went for each other the other day after the regular Jim Blaine style, and yet not one pious howl has gone up from a single hypocritical throat. Here is a specimen of the colloquy, and it is quite on a par with "plantation" or river boat, or any other coarse and truculent manners: well to stodd a I have so

"O'Neil began by calling Judge Kelley an 'egotist.' Judge Kelley hurled back the word 'blatherskite.' One of the honorable members said, 'You missepresent your constituents' The other replied, 'When I become your dog, I'll wear a collar dell wouldn't have such a puppy as you are.' 'If you ever speak to me again I'll slap you in the face.' 'You may go to h—l, that's where you may go to'—thus the contest went on."

There seems to be some mistake about the character of the public cursing in the synagogues that Hannah Rothschild received for marrying Lord Roseberry, a Christian. The Jewish Times says no such cursing occurred in any synagogue under the control of Jewish ecclesiastical authority, and that such "cursing" would bring down "the most indignant condemnation" from the most respectable Jews. It admits that something of the kind may have occurred in some of the little prayer meetings of the low Polish Jews in Whitechapel, as they are capable of almost any absurdity or indecency. It does not believe that the Rothschild family Baroness Charles Rothschild, on a former occasion, wrote:

"It is to be hoped that being a liberal supporter of the synagogue does not pre-clude liberality of thought and sentiment, itself felt in the halls of legislation. They know that power to be their power; and most of them have merciand that the Rothschilds, as a rule, are not so bigoted or so narrow minded as to disown any member who chooses to deviate from the beaten path."

According to Dr. Ruffner, the Superintendent of Public Instruction in Virginia, some \$19,000,000 of alcoholic liquors are consumed in that State annually. He says that the sales of liquors in the United States for the year ending June 30, 1871, amounted to \$600,000,000. According to these figures, which are believed to be within bounds, there is an annual consumption of \$16 for every man, woman and child in the Union, of that which destroys, inebriates, and fills our prisons and poor houses and workhouses with its victims. There must be consumed yearly in North Carolina at least fourteen or fifteen million dollars of alcoholic drinks, and yet people complain of hard times, of grinding taxes, and oppose the introduction of the Moffett bell-punch. to assemble a not how

The touching story about James R. Moore, (of one of the Western counties of North Carolina,) a Confederate soldier, who carried water to a wounded Yankee at the risk of his life, and the bequest of \$10,000 Mr. Moore had received from the man he succored, is now located out West. The Los Angelos Republican publishes it is an incident of that town, and the Washington Post copies it. It belongs to North Caro-

One Lapham, member from New York, is on a big scare. He has introduced a bill in the House authoriz ing the President to call for 75,000 volunteers in case Sitting Bull should cross the border. The Indians would probably be able to muster all told 10,000 men, and Representative Lapham thinks one Indian equal to seven and a half volunteers. It may be so, but it depends on where they come from.

The Judiciary Committee Refuses Washington special to New York Herald

The Democratic members of the House Judiciary Committee held a meeting to-day and decided that they would not report a resolution asking washington Post. That paper takes no great distinction after all to be thus described. The advertiser, it is Cameron article from any we have seen. It recognizes the Wisconsin Senator as really telling the truth, and as giving a correct revelation of the actual practices of the party with which Cameron is identified. After reading the Post's criticism we are inclined to adopt the view it takes, for it is quite certain that Republican practice has been precisely that which the Sena-

see fit to instruct the committee to investigate these frauds or any other subject, it would be its duty to per-form the labor thoroughly and impar-tially. This argument had so much weight that the Democratic members of the committee resolved not to have anything to do with bringing about the investigation.

Whiskey Drinking in New York.

["Gath" in the Cincinnati Enquirer.] The proprietor of the Metropolitan hotel told me last night that his bar receipts were \$175 a day. If we sup pose the average receipts at the bars to be \$90 a day, about \$220,000 would have been spent every day for liquor in New York by tipplers alone. This is equal to \$70,000,000 a year. It is computed that 1,260,000,000 drinks are taken in New York, and a tariff of two cents on spirits and a half a cent on ale will aggregate \$9,100,000 city revenue. We spend for liquors in the United States \$735,000,000 a year, or nearly four times the cost of running the General Government, and yet the English exceed us in guzzling by \$59,000,000.

CURRENT COMMENT

-- There seems to be no opposition whatever, in North Carolina now, to the election of Chief Justice Smith to the position which the Governor conferred by appointment on him. The opposition broke itself down by its violence and indiscretion. We never knew a more notable instance of the dangers that ensue, in politics, from a too deep setting of the coulter. - Petersburg Index-Ap-

The truth is, the men behind the scenes in the temple of Mammon know more than the world knows, and they are uncomfortable in contemplation of the motives, not less than the means, that have brought the country to its present distressed condition. They know that so far as the capitalists of the Northern money centres have been enabled to influence the fiscal policy of the government for years past, there has been nothing left undone by them to advance the interests of the men already rich, regardless of the privation or suffering that might be entailed upon the masses struggling for a foothold in the slippery sides of the mountain are dissatisfied with the marriage. where the genius of plenty sits serenely enthroned. They know that there is a power in gold which makes itself felt in the halls of legislation. lessly used it. Hence these tears and hence these fears. - Richmond Whig.

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Tarboro Southerner.

POLITICAL POINTS.

- Mr. Hayes has released 245 scamps from various penitentiaries during the first year of his fraudulent occupancy of the White House.— Washington Post.

- The Democrats at Washington appear to be looking around for somebody to whom they can let out the job of investigating the frauds in Florida.—Philadelphia Times, Ind.

- The Ohio Democracy having at ast made up its mind to re-district the State, concocted, introduced and passed the bill through both houses of the Assembly within twenty-four hours. A good thing is always well done when it is done quickly.— Washington Post, Dem.

- The hope of Republican success the South depends upon making a break in the white vote. President Hayes gave his party a brilliant opportunity to break down the color line by the liberal policy he instituted toward the South, but it has been frittered away by the party leaders.— Springfield Republican, Ind.

TWINKLINGS.

"Dust to Dust" is the facetious but very appropriate heading which the Chicago Times had for the account of the Sherman-Cameron wedding.

- The average daily wages earned by 2,042,209 workingmen, as shown by the last census of one hundred cities of America, was ninety-seven cents, and each had average of only one hundred and eighty days' employment a year.

— "Oudi," the gushing novelist, asks: "What will the children now growing up knew of our Italy?" Well, they will know that "our Italy" furnishes this country with its dirtiest organ-grinders and the sorest-eyed monkeys.—Norristown Her-

— Among many interesting historical relics in and about Monterey, Cal., is the wreck of the old brig Natalie, the veritable vessel in which Napoleon made his escape. This slowly decaying wreck is securely anchored in the sand by the new

— The Richmond Dispatch.quotes Shakespeare to support John Jasper's theo-ry. The quotation is from Hamlet's speech Ophelia: Doubt thou the stars are fire,

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