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REPUBLICAN PANACEAS.

There is a paper in the January number of the Atlantic Monthly on the way of dealing with the South that is almost amusing in its effrontery, although the writer evidently does not intend to be offensive or unkind.

The failure of all proposed plans is guaranteed from the start, because the doctors do not understand the true condition of the patient. It is painful to see the ignorance and blindness of those who attempt to cure.

The South sees the Republican party standing up as the advocate of a "strong government"—as gravitating constantly and unerringly to a system that was not tolerated in the beginning and only becomes more dangerous with time.

When the Northern people understand that there is a far greater question than mere party at the bottom of the Southern question they will have learned much and have taken a sure step in the right direction.

As Gen. Bradley T. Johnson says in his statesmanlike, admirable, and noble letter written August 28, 1880, to the Duke of Devonshire, it is a question with the South of "social order, civilization, property, education and progress."

I said the forces that control a State are virtue, intelligence, property and manhood, and that no device could be invented, no constitutional amendment, no Congressional enactment to be applied, which could change this order of nature.

could not control any portion of the Southern States. The whites would govern these States always and under all circumstances, not because they are white, but because they possess those attributes which the other race is deficient in.

That is the truth, every word of it. There is more truth—more real political philosophy in these few lines from the pen of a Southern man, than in whole volumes of "Congressional Records" filled up with the partisan, rant and bitterness of Radical members.

The negroes were used to oppress and plunder the South. The object of the Radical leaders is to use still the negroes, not to benefit the South and help develop and enrich, but to aid them in keeping eternal control of the power, patronage and pelf of the Government.

Col. McClure, the able and fair-minded editor of the Philadelphia Times, in one of his letters from the South, does not fail to understand what was our condition in the past.

We propose briefly to glance at some of the salient points of the census of 1880. North Carolina is the sixth in the list of percentage of increase among the Southern States.

All the States and Territories in the South and those west of the Mississippi show a large increase. The total increase for ten years is 11,594,188.

After Texas Pennsylvania shows the largest increase, namely, 760,787 or 21.3 per cent.; New York third, with 700,414 or 16 per cent.; Kansas fourth, with 626,936 or 16.9 per cent.; Illinois fifth, with 538,745 or 21.2 per cent.; Ohio sixth, with 538,583 or 19.9 per cent. New York,

Alabama, New Jersey, Ohio, Indiana and Illinois—all being nearly in a line from the Atlantic to the Mississippi, contain 18,751,593 inhabitants. This will do for six States.

Conkling's friends in New York regard the Garfield independence, as foreboded by the Tribune, as but little less than a formal affront to Lord Roanoke.

The Washington Post publishes several columns of letters, very affectionate and endorsing, from some one signing himself "Lillie," and written to Edith Giro. They are published as from Mrs. C., and if genuine fasten guilt upon her unerringly.

The British Parliament assembles on to-day. It is a most important session. Very grave errors have been perpetrated in the past, and the most judicious and prudent course must be adopted for the future.

It is not to be used as a make-weight, in pending Senatorial contests, whether in New York or elsewhere. It is proper to say, further, that the incoming administration will see to it that the men from New York and from other States, who had been so long and so unwisely members of their districts in the balloting for President, and who thus finally voted for Garfield, shall not suffer for it, nor lose by it.

Referring to what the STAR said concerning "Virginia Peasage," the Richmond Dispatch says: "Let him own that Washington, Jefferson, the Lees, the Randolphs, &c., did constitute a peasage as good as any the world ever saw."

More people, over one hundred years old die and are buried in the obituary columns of the Philadelphia Ledger than in all the world besides. Then there is the exquisite and pathetic poetry that graces the record besides. Altogether it is wonderful.

The Schrs, Benjamin F. Lee and Edith R. Seward have recently sailed for Baltimore from this port, taking out about \$50,000 feet of lumber sawed by Messrs. J. W. Taylor and John Colville for a gunnery factory and said chamber buildings for the Chesapeake Gun Company of Baltimore.

What horrors are contained in the account of the burning of the tenement house in New York? No one can realize the dreadfulness of such a scene of dismay and suffering and death, who does not see it with the unsealed eye. It was indeed "a dreadful holocaust," as it is described in the dispatches, where nine precious lives go out amid shrieks and flames.

This venerable and eminent prelate of the Episcopal Church died at his residence in this city last night at about 9 o'clock, after a lingering illness. He was about 72 years of age and was born in Virginia.

The Board of County Commissioners met in regular session yesterday afternoon, at 5 o'clock; present, Col. W. L. Smith, chairman, and Commissioners B. G. Worth, H. A. Bagg, E. L. Pearce, and James A. Montgomery.

The Board then proceeded to draw a venire of jurors to serve during the February term of the Criminal Court, with the following result: Harvey Webb, Samuel Davis, J. W. St. George, J. M. Robinson, Harding Johnson, Jno. W. King, W. S. Hewlett, J. M. Branch, Qua Davis, T. J. V. W. Bonham, W. H. Turlington, S. A. Currie, A. O. Craig, James A. Hewlett, Jno. G. Norwood, Nathan Mayer, S. L. Meredith, A. G. Hankins, Maurice Bear, Johnson Hooper, L. Flanagan, W. L. Jacobs, Robert McDougald, C. E. Barr, Jno. C. Heyer, D. A. Smith, Jno. E. Crow, H. E. Gerhardt, Jno. C. Springer, Wm. E. Davis.

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No. 1—White children 980; amount \$1,715. Colored children 1,559; amount \$2,728.25. No. 2—White children 916; amount \$1,608. Colored children 1,466; amount \$2,565.50.

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PROHIBITION. PROCEEDINGS OF THE MEETING HELD AT THE OPERA HOUSE—RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED, &c.

Notwithstanding the inclement weather last night, the meeting at the Opera House to inaugurate a movement for the enactment of a prohibitory liquor law by the State Legislature was well attended, many prominent and leading citizens being present.

On taking the chair Dr. DeRoset addressed the meeting, stating the object for which it had been called, pointing out the evils resulting from intemperance, and suggesting a remedy in the enactment of a law by the State Legislature for the total prohibition of the manufacture and sale of intoxicating liquors within the State.

Resolved, That this meeting heartily endorses the movement, and hereby expresses its sympathy with the measures proposed.

A letter was received from Rev. Mark S. Gross, and read to the meeting, stating that a severe cold and the inclement weather prevented his attendance, and expressing his entire sympathy with the movement, and his hearty approbation of the holy crusade against the great evil of the day.

Resolved, That the pastors of the churches of this city, with the chairmen of this meeting, be and they are requested to represent the friends of prohibition in the approaching State Convention at Raleigh; and that, furthermore, the chairman be authorized and requested to select, as soon as practicable, ten additional delegates, and to announce their names in the regular press of this city.

A young girl in search of her hair. A young white girl, falling from South Carolina, arrived here on the Southern train from Florence yesterday. She gives the name of Margaret Strickland, and says she is in search of an aunt. She is only about 14 or 15 years old, and without means further than was required to bring her to this city.

Everybody should see the fact that the best remedy known for Coughs, Colds, &c. is Dr. Bull's Cough Syrup. Price only one cent a bottle.

The accident on the W. & W. Railroad. The train on the Wilmington and Weldon road Tuesday night. The accident took place on the track about a mile and a half from the depot.

The loss sustained by the railroad company through the accident cannot be at this time correctly estimated, but it is thought that it will not amount to any considerable sum. The bridge timbers are all reported to be perfectly sound and can be used again.

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