

ELECTIONS

Two state elections will be held on Tuesday of this week, October 14th— one in Ohio and one in Iowa.

The election in Ohio is for Governor, Lt. Governor, Judge of Supreme Court, Attorney General, Auditor, Treasurer, and one Member of the Board of Public Works and the Legislature.

The Republican candidate for Governor is Hon. Charles Foster. He had been a merchant and banker, and had never held any office until he was elected to the 42nd, 43d, 44th, and 45th Congress.

The Democratic candidate is Gen. Thomas Ewing, who was in 1861 Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Kansas, and was elected to the 45th Congress from Ohio.

The Greenback candidate is A. Saunders Platt.

At the election in 1876 the vote stood as follows: Repub. 274,120; Dem. 270,960; Greenback, 38,332; and Prohibitionist, 5674, and the Democratic majority in the legislature on joint ballot was 42. The legislature to be elected now will elect a successor to Senator Thurman.

In Iowa there is to be elected a Governor, a Lt. Governor, a Judge of the Supreme Court, a Supt. of Instruction, and a member of Congress to fill a vacancy.

The Republican candidate is John H. Gear, the Democratic candidate is Henry H. Trimble, and the Greenback Daniel Campbell.

At the election of 1878 the general vote stood: Repub. 341,544; Dem. 1,302; and Greenback 123,577. The legislature stood 68 majority on joint ballot.

In Connecticut an election for town officers, and the vote on amendments to the constitution was held on the 6th and the Republicans had the best of it. Norwich, New London, Waterbury and New Britain go Republican. The amendments to the constitution, providing for biennial sessions and the limit of age for Judge of Supreme Court to 75, were voted down.

In Colorado, where an election was held on the 7th for Judge of Supreme Court and District of Attorneys the Republicans made a clean sweep.

SOUTHERN DEPRESSION.

The New York Times has not unfrequently misapprehended southern affairs, and at times has done the better and well meaning portions of our population actual injustice. But it has latterly brought to the discussion of southern affairs a fire-sight and capacity which commands at the same time respect, and assent to its reasoning. The article which we copy in part below is an admirable example of its later discussions of southern affairs wherein it utters truths which ought to, and doubtless does, influence and obtain the assent of the better class of southerners. Facts which cannot be disputed, and reasons which cannot be controverted, are of themselves bound to influence the minds of reasoning men and will do so whether they are palatable or unpalatable. And when this powerful journal, which speaks for so large a portion of the most intelligent of Americans, utters advice like what we print below, it will be well if the south shall heed it and act upon it. The south has already done enough towards cutting its own fingers, and preventing its own prosperity and welfare, to induce it to regard good advice from whatever source it may come.

Of course, the north is not inaccessibly to the losses suffered by its industries and trade in consequence of the disturbed condition of some of the southern states and the want of enterprise, energy, and capital in all of them. The merchants appreciate the value of a healthy southern market for their goods, as clearly as they appreciate the value of a good crop of cotton. But the condition of the south affects the north only in degree. All the indications of returning prosperity are visible around us. We have the enterprise and energy which the south lacks, and in superabundance the capital, from the want of which the south suffers. North and west share in common the prosperity the south alone complains of poverty and depression. While, then, the state of business affairs in the south and its evident inability to regain except very slowly the prosperity it has lost, are not unfeared at the north, we have the satisfaction of knowing that the injury experienced is obscured by the benefits accruing from the development of the west. The effect of southern depression is to a considerable extent counteracted by western growth and prosperity. The circumstance is cited as a reason for indifference to the evils that prevail throughout the greater portion of the southern states. We refer to it as proof that the rule-or-ruin policy of the southern Democracy is less hurtful, judged from a business point of view, to the north than to the southern people themselves.

If the south were not blinded by sectional jealousy and hate, and by the selfish malignity of its leaders, it would find in the contrast afforded by a recent argument in favor of a change of policy, in many respects identical with those of western states and territories. Both sections possess unexplored resources, and both need the same kind of peopling, and both need the same kind of aid.

push and capital to render them productive. But, metaphorically speaking, while the west bounds toward prosperity the south stands still and starves. The difference that existed between the sections when one had the invigorating influences of freedom and the other withered under the curse of slavery, is as pronounced as ever. Immigrants still shove the south. Enterprise finds no home there. Capital seeks other fields. The west gets what it wants of all. The result is the repetition of an old story with this variation, that western development, agricultural and mineral, proceeds at a rate unknown before, and southern stagnation knows no change save that wrought by inevitable decay.

There will be no marked improvement at the south until its dominant class cease their upbraiding of the north and look among themselves for the causes of the prevailing poverty and depression. The Republican party does not divert the stream of immigration, discourage or foster the fears of capital. Whatever influences tend to produce these results are traceable to the malcontent and agitator, sectionalists and the part it plays in public affairs. White labor would not go where slave labor was, and it will continue to avoid states where the colored laborer is denied the rights of a man. Foreigners in search of a home will not linger where freedom of opinion does not exist, where law is a mockery and justice a myth, and where their children must grow up and meander. Men of enterprise and means will keep away from states that move slowly and seldom backward. And for all this the south alone is responsible. The responsibility for most of its misfortune, and must change its temper or the improvement it craves will be yet longer delayed.

A GRAND PROJECT.

A Frenchman named Gamon, a first cousin we suppose to M. Lesseps, is going to bridge the Atlantic ocean. This fellow spells his name with only one m, but no doubt it means the same in French as if it were spelled with two. It is to be a grand causeway across the Atlantic ocean from Great Britain to America. The average depth of the filling, above high water, will be about two miles and the length about 1,500 miles. The amount of dirt and stone that the work will consume, Mr. Gamon thinks will be only 120,000 cubic miles. To get the dirt he proposes to take all the island of Newfoundland. When this great work is finished, a railroad is to be put upon it with sixteen tracks of steel rails. The whole work to be under the charge of M. Lesseps.

We feel it our duty to caution Mr. Gamon, for he is almost as wild about this project as his first cousin, M. Lesseps, is about the Panama canal.

We caution him that he has not provided enough dirt and stone. We have made a careful estimate and find, by an accurate calculation, that it would take the entire Alps, Mont Blanc and all, the Pyrenees, and a large portion of the Carpathian mountains on the European side, so that there would be a comparatively level country between Paris and Rome. On this side of the water it would take all the White Mountains, the Green Mountains, and a considerable part of the Appalachian range. This would involve a very great extinguishment of the right of eminent domain, a total upsetting of summer travel, and an entire obliteration of Fabyans, Franconia, the Catskills and the White Sulphur.

To complete this great work in ten years, M. Gamon thinks that it is only necessary for all the nations in the world to turn in their convicts to do the work, or, what he thinks would be better, for all the nations to agree on a peace for ten years and use for this work their whole armies and navies. When this great embankment is completed, and the Great Atlantic Railway also built on it, with M. Lesseps as President, they propose to hold a Congress of Engineers in San Francisco to consult upon the subject of bridging the Pacific. In furtherance of this last enterprise M. Lesseps, it is rumored, already has engineers examining the Rocky Mountains with a view of ascertaining the most judicious methods of taking them down. Inasmuch as the Pacific ocean is in places four miles deep, we suggest that Mr. Gamon send a corps of engineers to examine the Cordilleras and the cost of moving them into the Pacific ocean in case they should also be needed.

Six years ago the entire country was shocked and financial panic ensued from the failure of the banking house Jay Cooke & Co. The month of October, 1873, marked the beginning of the commercial depression which added so much subsequently to the difficulties and embarrassments attendant upon specie resumption. Money then commanded 1 1/2 per cent. per day, and was not plenty at that. But the country has outlived or lived down all this trouble, and comes out with renewed strength for the enjoyment of the most unexampled prosperity. Money is now loaned as low as 4 per cent. per annum, and within the past five or six weeks twenty-five or thirty millions of specie have been received from abroad in return for our manifold over products. But the greatest benefit to be derived from this return to prosperity resides in the fact that it insures the death of Greenbackism. The Rag Baby, born of misery and general business stagnation, is now being choked to death by the electric success of the times. Six years have been a long period for the brat to live but they are about ended. Funeral one week from next Tuesday— Nat. Republican.

When a man resorts to perfumery he lets it be known that he has little confidence in his own sweats.

TALMUDIC CRIMINAL JURISPRUDENCE.

A Lecture Delivered Under the Auspices of the Historical and Scientific Society of Wilmington.

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Whatever differences of belief people may entertain regarding the "Total Depravity" dogma, all admit the high antiquity of crime. Every observant reader of history, sacred or profane, becomes impressed with the idea that crime is almost coeval with man; that no age and no nation, no country and no province, ever was or ever will be wholly exempt from evil-doers: from beings committing acts offensive to both God and man. Were every human being allowed free scope in the exercise of his notions and propensities; were there no restrictive laws enacted against the disturbing of the peace of society, or against aggression on individual rights, "one might swallow the other alive." Therefore are laws from time to time adopted, declaring certain "rules of action," of right and wrong, of what may or may not be done; at the same time, as a matter of course, providing modes of punishment for the violator of the social covenant.

Accordingly, the earliest laws were confessedly framed for the emergency; and, since they were enacted with special reference to immediate occasions, they partook rather of a blind popular impulse than of the mature deliberation of legislative wisdom. We must however not be understood to imply that the early laws were dictated by the will of the people. On the contrary, in the first stages of human development, individuals were the law makers. But the legislators themselves were actuated by the same influence that projected the popular mind. The consequence was that excessive severity prevailed, which in the progress of time was mitigated, principally by the evasion of those very laws which have originally been enacted for the safety and peace of society. The contrary extreme of leniency succeeded, and destroyed the principles of justice. 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