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WE DECLINE.

Every mail brings to us letters urging The Sun to investigate on its own account the truth of the shocking scandals that affect the personal character of the Democratic candidate for President.

All of these requests come from Democrats, some from Democrats prominent at their respective homes. Some of the correspondents are old personal friends of ours. They express, as a general thing, willingness to accept the result of our investigation as final in determining the question of Mr. CLEVELAND'S fitness or unfitness.

We must respectfully decline to undertake the task.

If The Sun were in any way or in any degree responsible for the selection of the candidate, our sense of duty to the Democracy might lead us to a different decision.—[New-York Sun.

SOMETHING LOCAL.

We understand that M. E. McDowell Esq., of the Blackwell's Durham Tobacco Co., said publicly while here last week, "I am a democrat but I shall vote for Blaine. I have just returned from the Pacific coast: Cleveland is hardly known there, nor do we hear anything of him in Philadelphia except through the papers." "Its Blaine and Business.

CIVIL RIGHTS.

There never was a greater "bugbear" in politics than the interpretation the Democrats seek to place upon the question of "civil rights." We intend to deal with the matter fairly and as the very best definition of the term anywhere to be found, and the one universally accepted, aside from partisan purposes, we give the definition as described by Blackstone the great Common law Commentator, viz; "the right of personal security: the right of personal liberty: and the right of private property." There is nothing in this true political definition that North Carolina has not granted all her citizens years ago, and which they are in full enjoyment of to-day: Any attempt to turn and twist and distort the term "civil rights" to include more or less than the definition above quoted is sure to meet with failure. That is the definition the Courts put upon it and it must be so accepted.

POLITICAL SMALL TALK.

The leopard cannot change his spots, but the three-card monte man can.

Massachusetts democrats estimate that Butler will poll 40,000 votes in that State that would otherwise go to Cleveland.

John Kelley's silence is not of the golden order. There is a sort of cast-iron flavor about it which renders it very imposing.—[Philadelphia Press.

SENATOR VOORHEES will open the Democratic campaign in Indiana. We are not advised whether he will do it with prayer or a bung starter.

CARL SCHURZ threatens to leave the country if Blaine is elected. If any man wants a better reason than this for voting against Cleveland he is mighty hard to suit.

Since Purcell took to the woods a good many other Democrats are beginning to look around for some place to get in out of the rain.—[Binghamton Republican.

Mr. Dana and Mr. Kelly seem to be enjoying life on opposite ends of the same see-saw plank.—[Philadelphia Times.

A Southern Democrat says that the Democratic ticket has no head. Oh, well, it has a neck, and Mr. Blaine will put a head on it in November.

Mr. Beecher is almost satisfied that the charges against Cleveland's morality are slanderous. "Why," he indignantly exclaims, "Cleveland is as innocent as I am!"—[Pittsburg Dispatch,

The New York Sun is supporting Cleveland after the manner in which the old woman is said to have kept tavern.—[St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

The Republican party is going to pieces like a chunk of lime in a rain-storm.—[Cincinnati Enquirer. Pshaw! Lime isn't good until it has been wet; and even then it makes it hot for the man that meddles with it as the Republican party will for Cleveland.

Mr. Barnum as the chief manager of the "Reform" canvass. This has turned the stomachs of some of the Free Trade Dependents. But they cannot afford to be squeamish. Whoever ships with the Democratic party for a Presidential voyage must have a strong stomach, or else sit near the rail and keep quiet.

The Republicans are still trusting that the Democrats will give them the victory once more by making their usual blunder.—[Louisville Courier-Journal.

Not any longer. The Democrats have already "gone and done it", for this year.

The campaign roorback that Jim Blaine worked all one Sunday when a boy to earn a quarter to get into a circus, will not do him any harm. Little Steve Cleveland would have crawled in under the canvas, and, if necessary, can be shown to have done so.—[New York Star.

Congressman Bisbee, of Florida, said: "Blaine's letter of acceptance is a grand document. Nothing could be better. It is a burst of sunshine. It is not a burst either, that will last for a week or ten days. It is bright enough to last forever."

With a praiseworthy regard for cold facts The Macon Telegraph remarks: "In its present condition the Independent party is not formidable to Mr. Blaine's prospects nor promising to Mr. Cleveland's fortunes." Its "present condition" can never be improved; Judge Hoar's verdict that it was born dead will never need revision.

Seven thousand barrels of whiskey were destroyed by fire the other day. Henry Watterson considers such a conflagration, right in the beginning of a campaign, when the Democratic party was about to brace itself for victory, nothing less than a great political calamity.

NO CLASS LEGISLATION.

There are many fair-minded men—men who have little time or inclination to study the science of government, who have become possessed of the idea that laws are being passed discriminating between the races. Such is not the case. The United States Government as also every State Government treats all persons as CITIZENS excepting Indians and Chinese. All laws passed, bear equally upon the citizen. There is no law for whites as against blacks, but every one is amenable to the same law. It cannot favor the one class at the expense of the other. What affects one affects all. There is no more distinction made by law or regulation among citizens, than there is among the sales of tobacco upon our warehouse floors. The farmer who thinks his tobacco of such superior quality as to cover it with blankets till it is about to be offered for sale, places it in the warehouse upon the same terms as the humblest colored farmer who trusts his tobacco to the main chance and the judgment of experienced buyers. The law is supreme, it knows neither class or individuals. It deals only with CITIZENS. It treats all alike.

Judge Bynum denies that he has said he cannot support YORK. He spoke kindly of Gen. Scales but did not express an intention to support him. While not actively engaged in politics he gives notice of his adherence to the Republican Party.