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CHILDRAN are said to be practicing the ghost dance. THE magwags are thought to be the lost tribe of Israel. QUAT organs harping on Hill. Gentlemen please attend to your own funeral. THE eccentricities of Emperor William are more eccentric than ever. IT is positively asserted that Mr. Blaine will retire from the Cabinet. BLAINE off the track, Harrison is said to be keeping a sharp eye on Tracy. THE "some good Western" movement is gathering momentum every day. THERE is talk of indicting Keely for manslaughter. Some of his patients have committed suicide. A POLL of fifty-one prominent professional and business men of Wheeling, W. Va., showed forty-nine for Cleveland and two for Hill. THE alleged rooster in the New York Post office that dislocated its bill by a too voracious crow should be a warning to political roosters of the same sort there and elsewhere. THE flesh of dogs is now declared to be a cure for consumption, and a woman in Indianapolis claims to have almost entirely recovered through its use. They doubtless, however, be many persons prejudiced enough to prefer phishias.

THE Philadelphia Record says: It is a hopeful sign of the American masses that a number of Republicans in the lower branch of the Ohio Legislature are as hostile to the shamless Congressional gerrymander bill just passed by the upper branch as are the Democrats as a result of which refresh independence the adacious scheme is likely to prove abortive. HOW can there be any "over-production of cotton so long as millions of human beings are shirtless? The trouble is that we have closed the markets of the world against us by refusing to admit in exchange for our cotton the native products of other countries that need it. International bills are paid in kind; we refuse to honor the currency of the world.—N. Y. Com. Advertiser.

THE newspapers are commenting on the Blaine letter of declaration. The World says: The real leader declines to lead. For a second time in his career James G. Blaine puts aside a presidential nomination that would unquestionably be his if he would accept it. He is the strongest man and would be the strongest candidate of his party. Crowning his services to his country he has recently won a conspicuous victory for peace with honor against the brutal bluster of imitation jingoism, and the cold-blooded scheming of selfish politicians.

FOR the first time, we think, in the history of our Republic, a Federal judge proposes to convince the President that it lies beyond the pale of even his great power to summarily supersede him by merely appointing his successor. Hon. John S. Bagby, district judge of Alaska, has announced his intention to ignore the pretensions of Warren Tritt, of Oregon, whom President Harrison appointed to succeed him, and who was confirmed by the Senate. Judge Bagby holds that he must either be successfully impeached or else allowed to serve out his term on the bench.—San Francisco Chronicle.

THE time has not come, or never should come, when Democrats should have issued among themselves. The good of the people is to be found in Democratic success in the next national campaign, and there is no time for squabble. Whenever a difference arises they should be removed at once and forever, and the lesson should be learned in Louisiana and elsewhere. Begin in the smallest township to solidify, follow it up in all the towns, cities, counties and States throughout the Union and carry the determination so to do in the national campaign. Leave all else aside to fight the common enemy and success will follow.—Norfolk Virginian.

THE News and Observer says: There seem to be no limit to the boldness of surgeons in these days of scientific investigation. The latest case of daring experiment is reported at Washington City, where a young man was operated on for imbecility. He had been a very bright student and then gradually became idiotic. Dr. Hammond finding that he had had no paralysis and was free from disease considered that the brain had outgrown the chambers of the skull, and to remove the pressure from the brain, he sawed out parts of the skull bone. The patient is doing well, and there is expectation that he will regain his brightness.

THE purchase and absorption of "America," the vigorous exponent of American principles, by the Chicago Graphic, has given a further impetus to the remarkable growth which this celebrated illustrated weekly of the West has experienced.

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DIPHTHERIA is ravishing sections of New York City. ON last Saturday Virginia had its greatest snow storm of the season. TALTON HALL, the boosted murderer of 100 men will hang at Bristol Tenn., on March 14. THE Post says the Weather Bureau's oft-forecast "southerly winds" appear to be coming via Alaska. WOMEN do the business of the town of Lexington, Miss., to a large extent. Miss Dixie Cole is the express agent, Miss Emily Wright the postmistress and Miss Mollie Haskins the telegraph agent.

SOME people swear by their almanacs, but it won't do to place implicit faith in them. They evidently know little about Gov. Holt. One puts him down as dead, while the World Almanac says he is a Republican. FIFTY FOUR steamships, or nearly two a day, cleared from New Orleans in the month of January, loaded with grain for foreign countries. They carried 905,645 bushels of corn, 1,755,649 bushels of wheat and 75,994 bushels of rye. NOW comes the strange announcement that two Alabama farmers, rendered desperate by the low price of cotton, set their crops on fire and deliberately burned them up. One of them afterwards committed suicide. AT an adjourned meeting of the trustees of the New York Life Insurance Company, held on the 8th instant, Mr. Wm. H. Beers, the president, resigned at the request of the sub-committee, and was voted a pension for life of \$25,000 a year.

WE have seen it stated that it is probable that Rev. A. C. Dixon will be the successor of Mr. Sprague. This may be the North Carolina idea but English opinion is different. London advises say that the choice lies between Charles Spurgeon of Greenwich and Archbishop Brown of Shoreditch. EDITOR John H. Williams, col. of the Raleigh Gazette has announced himself as a candidate for Congress. He says his platform will be compensation for ex-slaves as proposed by President Lincoln who stated that they were lawful property of those who claimed to be their masters and proposed to pay \$300 each for them, liberate them and stop the war.

AS announced in this paper yesterday Alfred M. Scales is dead. The death of Gen. Scales, so soon after that of Gen. Ransom, is an impressive reminder that the old veterans are passing away. IN a little while few of us will remain to talk of the camp, the march and the battle. Fortunate indeed will it be for those of us who will leave a memory as fragrant as they have left who recently passed over the river.

AT the opening of the war Alfred M. Scales volunteered as a private, but quickly rose to the rank of Captain. He succeeded Pender as Colonel of the 13th, North Carolina and was made Brigadier General shortly after the battle of Chancellorsville. He was wounded at Chancellorsville and Gettysburg. "In 1874 he was elected to Congress and served for five consecutive terms. In 1884 he was elected Governor of North Carolina. After serving out his term of office he retired to private life." Alfred M. Scales is not a fit subject for fulsome eulogy. He was no genius, in the popular acceptance of the term, but he was better than this. He was a patriot, a man of integrity and a Christian gentleman. If we should hold him up for the emulation of the young men of North Carolina, we would not represent him as a hero with sword and plume, nor as a statesman.

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