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EDITORIAL NOTES.

THE Chinese will receive more consideration when they learn to throw bombs and carry red flags. It is far better citizenship to cheer for the Chinese than to cheer for the mob. Several very able statesmen will now discover that Rhode Island is not big enough to worry over.

THE governor of Rhode Island doesn't make as much as some of the voters. His salary is only \$1,000 a year.

AND now it is announced that Missouri and Iowa are for Cleveland. Well, that's all right. Suppose we make it unanimous.

THE late Edward A. Freeman was one of the few Englishmen who could address a Greek audience in their own tongue. Mr. Gladstone is another.

ELIZABETH WINNERS, of Tennessee, a student at the Woman's Medical College of Philadelphia, has been appointed resident physician at the Tyng's-Charity Hospital, and will assume her duties in June.

IF Mr. Morton should decline to pay another \$100,000 for the honor of running second to Harrison it is thought that the choice will be left to a syndicate of financial magnates. In other words, the stock would be Harrison and a Trust.

REPRESENTATIVE WATSON, of Georgia, complains that it costs the Government \$1950 annually to collect not one cent in the Cherry-stone (Va) customs district. There are plenty of cherry stones like that, and plum stones, too, in the Grand Old Party's preserves.

IF Congress can appropriate \$27,000 to print 45,000 extra copies of the book prepared under the direction of the Agricultural Department on Diseases of the Horse, it certainly ought to be able to appropriate \$10,000 for our tower and \$250,000 for the Naval Reserve.

THE more Russia is starving the more discord she will be to fight her neighbors. It was want and misery which years ago used to start the borders of Northern Asia upon their incursions into Eastern Russia. The hungry Masovites is always a menace to peace.—N. Y. Advertiser.

DOWN in a Georgia town the other day a mistral performance was temporarily stopped while a Judge gave instructions from the stage to a jury which was deliberating in an adjacent room. If this practice should become the general rule, what temples devoted jointly to Themis and to Thalia our architects might construct!

THE temporary shelving of the silver bill will do more to harmonize the Democratic party throughout the country than the successful enactment of any legislation now before Congress. This often does a negative evil have happier effects than an affirmed good of twice its dimensions.—N. O. Times-Democrat.

WITHIN the borders of the State of New York, there is no longer any occasion to argue that Mr. Cleveland, if nominated for the Presidency, will carry the State by a very large majority and receive its thirty-six electoral votes. Persons in any degree familiar with the political feeling of party men and independents readily concede this to be the case. Even among the supporters of Senator Hill, those who feel any sense of responsibility for their utterances have ceased to deny it. The current of public sentiment ran that way in a volume that has been visibly swelling of late.—New York Times.

"Mr. Butler's position, as President of the North Carolina Alliance gives him an opportunity that few young men have enjoyed, and we shall be glad if he utilizes it in directing the attention of the members of his order to the importance of unwavering loyalty to the sound doctrines contained in the platform adopted by Alliance and non-Alliance at the last Democratic State Convention; and if it should be deemed necessary by the next Democratic State Convention to amend this platform, we trust it will be done in the same patriotic spirit of conciliation which governed when it was first adopted."

PEOPLE sometimes have a good deal of fun in going to law over little things, but they have to pay for that kind of fun. It costs more than the circus with the menagerie included. A case of this kind was recently concluded in Pennsylvania, which two farmers have been enjoying for ten years. One cut down a cherry tree valued at \$3.25, while the other claimed, and for which he sued. He got judgment, and the other appealed and carried the case up to the Supreme Court. The plaintiff won his suit at last, and got his \$3.25, but it cost him \$325 in lawyers' fees, not counting time lost, &c., while the defendant paid his lawyers \$240 and \$687 costs, making a total of \$1,027 for a \$3.25 tree and some fun.—Wil. Sta.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

REV. J. J. G. Webster of Baltimore, an elder in the Methodist church, commits suicide at Charleston, W. Va.

EIGHT negroes murdered a peddler in Louisiana Sunday. A mob has hung four of them and is in search of the others.

IN last Tuesday's election, the Democrats carried Chicago, Milwaukee and other cities in the West heretofore Republican.

THE estimate now is that the Chicago World's Fair will cost not less than \$22,226,400. But it will be the grandest and completest of all fairs.

THE Montgomery Advertiser says Cleveland will get the Alabama delegation. This shows where the people stand. Both Alabama Senators are Hill men.

THERE is a recent rumor that Blaine may be a candidate yet against Harrison. He says he will not write another letter declining the nomination. One of his friends says he will accept.

ARE the political friends of Senator Hill getting ready to withdraw him from the Presidential campaign? He has been looked upon as the favorite of Tammany, but we are told that "Croker, the Tammany boss, says it is not advisable to nominate Hill for President.

MARION BUTLER sends a secret circular to each sub-Alliance in the State asking it to send a representative to a conference to be held in Raleigh on May 17th. The great importance of the move is emphasized and men who "won't compromise or back down from the St. Louis demands" are wanted at the conference.

THE bill tribes in British Barmah, on the northeast frontier of India, are once more up in arms, and have made fierce onslaughts on the British stations. It may respect these wild and intractable tribes resemble our own Indians; and it is likely to be many years before the border districts of India will be entirely safe from their ravages.

EX Governor Campbell, of Ohio, got off a good thing in his speech at Providence, Rhode Island. He said: "I never heard a Republican speaker address an Irish audience without evicting barrels of tears over the sufferings in Ireland, but I never heard one make the true statement that there are every year in New York city more evictions for rent than in the whole Emerald Isle."

THE town of Rutledge, Ga., boasts a genuine curiosity in a negro who is covered with a fleece of wool, not black wool, but the whitest kind of white wool. The wool tariff protectionists cannot claim this as one of the results of the protective tariff, for the darkey grew just as big a crop of wool, and it was just as white, before the tariff was half as high as it is now.—Wil. Sta.

THE Third party movement seems to have taken so firm a hold in North Carolina that we are informed that Col. Polk, who hopes to be its nominee for President of the United States, is quite jubilant over its prospects. Such a movement may possibly succeed in Kansas but it cannot succeed in any Southern State where the people retain their reason.—Richmond News.

EVERY experienced observer of political movements will concede that if Mr. Cleveland is not nominated for President by the Chicago convention a Western man will be. There is no doubt that Mr. Cleveland is the choice of an overwhelming majority of the Democrats of the country. He is probably the choice of a majority of the Democrats in every State in the Union, not excepting New York.—Indianapolis Sentinel.

EASTER may come as early as March 22nd and as late as April 25th. Since 1803 Easter has occurred three times in the 19th, five times in the 16th, five times on the 23d, 11th, and 12th; four times on March 31st, four times on April 6, three times on the 4th, 5th, 7th, 8th, 10th, 13th, 14th, and 22d of April, and 27th and 28th of March. March 22, 1818, was the earliest date upon which it has occurred.—St. Louis Republic.

IN new developments that E. P. Allen, of Michigan, and H. B. Clay, of Newport's News, were here this week in conference with the North Carolina Republicans. The latter are doing all their work in a secret way, for what reason nobody knows. Hon. John Nichols, of Washington, is here. He was in conference with the brethren. Three Republicans stated last night that Nichols would be their candidate for Governor. There is nothing that they will do. They may put up a full ticket; or a split ticket with the Third party; or no ticket at all. But every effort is being made by them and the Third party people to get North Carolina out of Democratic control.—Raleigh Cor. Wil. Messenger.

POVERTY AND DISCONTENT.

IF poverty is no crime, it is a great misfortune which all men are anxious to escape.

It is a fact that we, as a nation, are poor! The truth is just the reverse. In natural resources, as well as in accumulated wealth, the United States is the richest country on the face of the globe. There is no land in which all are rich. The great majority, wherever it is found, is comparatively poor.

Perhaps there is more discontent among the people of these States, than is usually found in the world at large. There is more restlessness. This is, in a large measure, owing to our peculiar institutions.

In other lands—notably in continental Europe—the common people do not look for fame and for fame. They are content to keep the even tenor of their way, satisfied that today is as yesterday. Here, every one is free. Each aspires to the attainment of the largest fortune and highest honor. There is a ceaseless struggle, and every man feels that the burden he carries is heavier than that of his neighbor.

The manufacturer claims that because of free trade his goods cannot be sold at living rates, and the farmers just as positively assert that they are ruined because the tariff compels them to sell in the lowest market and buy in the highest. Capitalists say that their investments are not secure because of the fluctuations in values, caused by the ceaseless demand for a change in the tariff and the currency of the country. On the other hand, the people are calling for help to be delivered from the oppressions of capital. They say that "Wall Street"—meaning the money power—has its hand upon their throats, and unless its grip is relaxed they cannot live. They say: "We need money and can't get it because the currency is contracted. Please explain why gold is locked up in banks and silver in the Government vaults."

Some people have queer notions. They want all the gold and silver turned loose and a large volume of paper currency created. They don't realize that the paper money they have is the representative of gold and silver, and that unless the gold and silver is held in bank and the national treasury the paper money is not worth a cent. The discontented people want not only the silver certificate, but also the silver on which the certificate is issued.

Now, there are hardships which must be endured. It is written, "In the sweat of thy face shalt thou eat bread," and there is no release from the irrevocable decree. Labor is the inexorable requirement of every day in every vocation of life.

"The hand of the diligent maketh rich," while "a little more sleep, a little more slumber, a little more idleness, tendeth to poverty."

The way to escape poverty is to live within your means. Be industrious, and to industry add knowledge, to knowledge patience, to patience temperance, to temperance prudence and frugality.

The way to escape discontent is to cultivate feelings of gratitude for what we have. Thanksgiving enlarges the blessing. It is as level as a woman hid in three measures of meal; it is the rifting of the cloud and the letting in of the sunlight. Have faith in God, and to your faith add hope and charity.

NEW YORK.

A large and enthusiastic meeting of Democrats was held at Buffalo, N. Y., April 5th. It was a protest of the Democrats of Western New York, against the snap Convention of Feb. 22d. Speeches were made by Hon. Frank M. Thorne, of Buffalo, Hon. W. R. Grace, Ex-Mayor of New York city, and Hon. Charles S. Fairchild, Ex-Secretary of the Treasury.

In the midst of his speech, Mr. Fairchild said: "When we appear before the National Convention, in Chicago, we will go before that body recognizing that it is a Court of Equity as well as a Court of Law. We will not only urge that the State Democratic Committee of New York, in calling a midwinter convention, overstepped their authority and were in technical error, but, in addition to this, we will show that the whole transaction is permeated with fraud, that the action of the snap convention not only misrepresents the Democracy of the State of New York, but that that Democracy, and that present action taken by that convention is a nullity in conscience as well as in law."

THE agreement to arbitrate the Belting Sea difficulty has been promptly followed by the publication in the London Times of an intimation that Great Britain considers Canada a nuisance and would like to get rid of her. Canada is not expected a good deal of that sort of treatment. It is unpleasant, but it may be salutary.

RHODE ISLAND.

There is nothing discouraging in the news from Rhode Island. There has been no election by the people. It is claimed that the Legislature will be Republican and will elect the whole Republican State ticket and return Mr. Aldrich to the U. S. Senate. But this is the Republican estimate.

In the last legislature the Republicans had 83 votes on joint ballot and the Democrats 29, and the results show a net gain on the assembly of 23 for the Democrats.

It was supposed that Providence would decide the contest, and the city went Democratic by about 400 majority. This is a feather in Mr. Cleveland's plume.

To break the record of thirty six years and with a Democratic victory in Rhode Island in a Presidential year was a hard task. It has not been accomplished, the Republicans win by the smallest possible fraction.

Rhode Island has been a Republican State in every Presidential year since the Republican party was organized. The last time the Democrats carried it for President, or in a Presidential year, was in 1852, and for Franklin Pierce.

THE CHINESE EXCLUSION ACT.

The theory that America affords an asylum for the oppressed of all lands seems about to be exploded.

Some years ago the American party—commonly called the Know Nothing party—announced as its policy the exclusion of all persons not native born from the honors and emoluments of office. Its slogan was, "Americans must rule America." That party was of short duration, but it was not killed by its Americanism, so much as by its religious intolerance. There is now and always has been, a strong sentiment in this country against the preponderance of foreign influence. The communism that has manifested itself in some of our cities has increased this feeling of opposition until it has become active and violent hostility.

Again, and again, have the people appealed to Congress to erect barriers to the influx of foreigners, especially the Chinese, and again and again have acts been passed intended to limit immigration, but never before has so exclusive a measure been proposed as the bill that has just passed in the House of Representatives.

No Chinaman can hereafter come to this country, and should any of those who are now here go away, it will be never to return. All are excluded except the Minister and members of the Chinese legation.

The ground on which this policy of strict exclusion is sought to be justified is that the restrictive legislation of the Chinese is full of danger both to our institutions and industries.

With the lights before us, we do not approve of the bill. We do not believe the danger is as great as it has been represented to be; but, if it were greater it would not justify an open and flagrant violation of treaty obligation.

We agree with the Washington Post that, "the passing of the bill in its present shape would, in this respect, be an act unworthy of the legislature of a country that boasts of its holding the foremost position among civilized nations, and while there may be reasons for discouraging the admission of certain classes of Chinese immigrants, there can be no valid reason given for a trade and dishonorable breach of treaty stipulations on the part of this Government."

CONGRESS.

All things considered, Congress is doing well. The best thing about it, perhaps, is, it is getting ready to adjourn.

The vexious silver question has been disposed of, and a breach has been made in the iniquitous tariff.

The appropriation bills are well underway. Extravagance has been checked, and the public moneys applied where they will do most good.

Republicans are employing obnoxious tactics, but with little success.

It was not to be expected that the present session would accomplish much positive legislation. In all sessions preceding Presidential elections, most of the time is passed in skinning, preparatory to the great battle that is about to be fought.

It is not surprising that the so-called People's Party should be a party of false pretences, for the men to whom it chiefly owes its paternity were schooled in the Republican party, which is essentially a party of false pretences.—Wil. Messenger.

EVERY State that has instructed delegates for President (New York excepted) is for Grover Cleveland. He has 156 such votes to date.

If Senator Morgan pushes his silver resolution several of the Presidential aspirants will find their systems tilted with insomnia.

PHILADELPHIA.

The Philadelphia Convention of the State of New York, held at the Hotel Hamilton at Philadelphia, Pa., on the 14th inst., was a very interesting one.

The State Legislature in a field and garden were held to a maximum price of \$100,000, and the same price was to be paid for the State of New York.

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