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CICERO W. HARRIS, Editor. THURSDAY MORNING, NOVEMBER 14, 1878. GOVERNOR SEYMOUR ON OUR GOVERNMENT.

Disquisitions by learned and subtle thinkers on the nature and powers of the American government will never cease to be of interest. Among the great minds who have bent their powers to the elucidation and defence of the constitution have been such men as Madison, Hamilton, Calhoun, Story, Legare, Curtis and Stephens.

"affairs which concern the welfare of society. Our fathers, before our independence, and when they shaped our system of government, were forced by the then state of society to avail themselves of such special intelligences. These not only served to promote the interests of the Colonies, but the enabled the framers of our Constitution to solve problems where the world said they would fail. No man can understand the spirit and genius of our political institutions who does not trace out the uses made by our fathers of these special intelligences; nor can he feel as he should his duties and rights as a citizen unless he sees clearly that our system imposes upon him certain work which can perform, and which will be productive of good despite the power of majorities or even the lack of general intelligence in the community in which he lives."

It was not in the purview of the writer to present any partisan opinions touching the distribution of power between the General and State governments. We have briefly noticed the first half of Gov. Seymour's design. The last half was to prove that under our government if there are any abuses in local or general administration the guilt lies at the door of the individual citizens. On this head he writes eloquently and with the lofty range of the statesman. Duties—home, moral, social and town duties are enlarged upon. The aggregate of town governments is more important, he maintains, than the three departments combined of the General Government. In conclusion Gov. Seymour wisely says that the social, political and business evils which affect our country "are not to be cured by political strategy nor by any tricks of statesmanship. No country can be legislated out of distress, crime or poverty. No laws in civilized countries are potent for good, which do not emanate from the sentiments, habits and virtues of the people."

THANKSGIVING. The proclamation of Gov. Vance appointing a day of solemn and public thanksgiving to Almighty God for past blessings and of supplication for His continued kindness and care over us as a State and people, was printed in yesterday's Sun. The day designated is Thursday, November 29th. This Sun hopes this honored custom will be generally observed. It is meet once a year for all the people to bow together in praise and thanksgiving at the throne of Unspeaking Mercy and Goodness.

PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS. Murphy, the temperance apostle, is still at work in New York. Frederick O. Prince has been nominated for Mayor of Boston. The New York Sun says, "Mr. Tilden will not again be the Presidential candidate of any party."

Lord Justice Christian, of the Court of Appeals in Ireland, has resigned on account of the increasing dulness of his hearing. A navy who hurled a stone at the wife of the Bishop of Sodor and Man and drew a knife on the Bishop has been sentenced to three days' imprisonment. The Bishop pleaded for his assailant and left a sovereign to be given to him on his release.

That is certainly a low view of American politics which Mr. McClure takes in the Philadelphia Times, in an article reprinted in this morning's Sun, entitled "Posting Up for 1880." Still, there are facts to warrant some of his conclusions. We think, however, that the cheating element in the Democratic party will not handle the reins in the next Presidential election; and so we will have an election without fraud and without violence. Mr. McClure is the sharpest political journalist in the North. His present leanings are Democratic, though he was a Republican up to 1872.

It is no time to express preferences for one or that man for the Presidency. Many a man now available may be politically laid in the cold, cold ground before the nominating convention of 1880 shall meet. While this can be said with truth, it may also be said no less truthfully that no man who has shown lack of courage at the critical hour, or has let others manage his fortunes badly, can lead the Democrats in that momentous conflict.

Grant is probably the coming man for the Republican nomination. As Leonidas Polk licked him at Belmont and Albert Sydney Johnston thrashed him soundly at Shiloh, so we think Hendricks or some other good general will pluck his feathers in 1880. The fame of his invincibility is recent. He has been whipped, and he can be whipped again.

Grant's Brother-in-Law is Interviewed. Ex-President Grant's brother-in-law, Mr. Corbin, in an interview published in the New York Herald, states that the story of the General's connection with the tanning business is erroneous, and he does not know how it originated. He does know, however, that Gen. Grant never was a tanner and was never in any manner engaged in that trade. Mr. Corbin does not believe that the ex-President is at all desirous of returning to his old duties at Washington, and does not consider that the Republican party is dependent on any individual. If circumstances should so shape as to convince the party that Grant would be the strongest candidate, and to make the Republican National Convention desirous of nominating him, he does not doubt that the General would regard it as a duty to accept.

Posting Up for 1880. Philadelphia Times. Since the successful overthrow of Mr. Tilden, after he had been chosen President by a majority of a million popular majority and a decided preponderance of the Electoral College, neither party will fail to employ any and every agency to assure the next Presidency; and we are not sure that the average Democrat wouldn't prefer to see his candidate cheated in to get even with the Republican fraud of 1876-7, while the average Republican wouldn't criticize the means employed if his candidate be declared victor. The Louisiana and Florida drafts of 1876 were a fearful sowing of the dragon's teeth that promises abundant harvests in the future, and figs won't be gathered from thistles.

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Washington—Rep. Watauga—W. B. Council, Dem. Warren—L. T. Christmas; Hawkins Carter, (col.) Rep. Wayne—G. C. Buchan; Dem.; W. A. Deans, Rep. Wilson—Dr. J. M. Taylor; Dem. Wilkes—Dr. Tyre York, Dr. L. Harrill, Dem. Yadon—Brown, Rep. Yancey—D. G. Carter, Dem. Total—Democrats 79; Republicans 41; Democratic majority 38. On joint ballot 56.

Mr. Foley, of Salford, England, the age of him sixty-eight, wedded a young wife. On her marriage night she asked him to unlace her boots. He wouldn't do it; there was a quarrel, and the end of it was he tried to brain her with the tongue. Total it is being a honeymoon six months long in jail.

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