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SATURDAY MORNING, NOVEMBER 23, 1878.  
The Milwaukee News thinks that Hayes  
will eventually crawl himself into utter  
obscurity. He will crawl into himself  
him. The only thing not obscure about  
him is his office.

While THE SUN will always urge vigi-  
lance and activity on the Democratic  
party, it will not foster a spirit of discouragement  
by eternally prating about deficiencies  
of organization and want of ability  
in leadership. Democratic wisdom has  
been gauged in some measure by common  
sense, and we can't be saved our life  
forget this fact. If to be deemed as wise  
as the Republicans our party has to be a  
corrupt, THE SUN would rather the Demo-  
cracy should be considered unwise forever  
by the censorious. But we do not concede  
that it is unwise to be straightforward.  
Wisdom looks quite as much to the future  
as to the present. A corrupt party may  
enjoy to-day, but it will be denied its to-  
morrow. Honesty is not only right, it is  
the best policy. Then we say, away with  
all this absurd talk of the Democratic  
party being made up of fools.

**THE PUBLIC HEALTH ASSO-  
CIATION.**

This important body of experts has been  
in session for three days at Richmond, Vir-  
ginia. Its deliberations and decisions are  
of the utmost interest, coming as they do  
just after one of most terrific scourges of  
our times.  
A synopsis of the proceedings day by  
day having been printed among our tele-  
grams, we only refer in this place to two  
or three of the conclusions reached. The  
reports are all full, though of course not  
perfectly satisfactory. Medical science  
will hardly ever be able to grapple with  
the yellow fever as it grapples with some  
diseases. In saying this we are guided by  
the fact of the slow progress in ascertain-  
ing even the origin of the plague, and the  
additional fact of the uncertainty of treat-  
ment.

One of the points on which there seemed  
in the Association to be a general agree-  
ment was that the disease never originates  
in this country. The history of the epidem-  
ic on the Red River a few years since  
appears to be against this theory of exclu-  
sive foreign origin. If our memory serves  
as the origin of the fever was never traced  
beyond the slaughter-pens at Shreveport.  
We know that this whole question has been  
regarded as one practically settled by the  
faculty. The doctors may be right, or they  
may be wrong.

The Association pronounces in favor of  
quarantine as the only effectual means of  
preventing a spread of the fever. Disin-  
fectants, they say, are useless and prophyl-  
actics are unreliable.

The Commission, whose report is elabo-  
rate and bears evidence of great care in its  
preparation, lay great stress on the study  
of yellow fever by maps of the cases.  
They say they visited every house possi-  
ble, got all the individual facts, and finally  
grouped the cases. The report states the  
advantages of this manner of study. "The  
sanitarian can look upon these maps and  
see for himself the precise location of the  
earliest cases of an epidemic. He can  
determine what influence occupation of  
the same locality exerts upon the spread  
of the disease. He can see for himself  
how invariably yellow fever tends to  
arise itself in groups of cases, and thus  
observe its marked contrast with the ten-  
dency of malarial fever to occur in sepa-  
rate, disconnected and totally independent  
cases. He can also study for himself the  
influences of filth, bad drainage or unsani-  
tary situations, and of elevations and  
depressions of surface. It is a matter  
greatly to be regretted by the members  
of the commission that they could not  
have been afforded time to locate in this  
manner every case of yellow fever which  
has occurred in each of the towns visited.  
In most of the places arrangements were  
made with the physicians to continue the  
work of locating cases until it was ren-  
dered as full and accurate as could be  
done."

The separate reports from the scene of  
ravage are full of melancholy interest, and  
will no doubt assist science in putting some  
light check on the plague on the occasion  
of its next appearance in this country.  
While THE SUN is not sanguine of very  
positive results from the fullest and ablest  
advances of the subject, it yet hails any ad-  
vance in the hazardous knowledge we have  
of something for congratulation and rejoicing.

**WAR IN ASIA.**

A state of war exists in Afghanistan,  
brought about by the advance of the British  
forces. A Russian column is reported

to be marching from the North, though as  
yet it has not entered Afghan territory.  
The crooked policy of both England and  
Russia as regards the people of western  
and southern Asia excludes full sympathy  
with either power. The causes of the  
present war have been stated in the dis-  
patches, but there is great obscurity hang-  
ing over the whole subject. As the con-  
test does not involve American interests,  
and as there is no humanitarian ground, as  
there was in the Russo-Turkish war, for  
siding with Russia, we judge most of our  
countrymen will either be neutral in feel-  
ing or sympathize with their British  
cousins.

By the student of history, however,  
there must be a decided interest felt in the  
inception, continuance and conclusion of  
this struggle which will hardly cease until  
it shall involve Russia and perhaps others  
of the Great Powers. A drama of surpris-  
ing interest has been going on for more  
than three generations in the plateau of  
western Asia. Steadily Russia has been  
advancing south, fighting and absorbing  
the small Circassian and Tatar Khanates.  
More cold-bloodedly, if possible, than Spain  
conquered Peru and Mexico, or Britain  
India, she has annexed these states of the  
Caspien and ultra-Caspien regions  
until only a strip of land separates her  
vast possessions from the neutral  
ground of Afghanistan, the only  
protection save the Himalayas to Eng-  
land's Hindoo frontier. It was the  
creep of a great snail. Painfully she  
has wended her way. Blood and iron—  
time and money—have been expended.  
She stands now on the threshold of wealth  
and glory, and looks with watering chops  
at the gorgeous prospect. She comes at last  
to the realization or destruction of all her  
gilded hopes. Civilization palls at the  
thought of the gigantic contest which may  
follow—the blood shed like water, the treas-  
ures of empires poured out, the aftermath  
of woe and suffering. Great God avert it  
—let reason rule the councils of these mighty  
rivals!

**PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS.**

Bishop Simpson has been appointed  
President of Drew Theological Seminary.  
The most eminent physician in New  
York made from \$40,000 to \$70,000 a year.  
In his New York lecture Saturday after-  
noon Du Chailu is to skip from the Equator  
to the Land of the Midnight Sun.

Mr. Spurgeon is to receive a gift of  
\$25,000 from his congregation on the com-  
pletion of his twenty-five years of theologi-  
cal labor, December 31.

The Viceroy of Egypt, notwithstanding  
his bankruptcy, is furnishing a room for  
himself in his Cairo palace in the Queen  
Anne style, at a cost of \$30,000.

Mr. Parkman, the great historian of  
Boston, has returned from Quebec, where  
he has been accumulating materials for his  
new book on Canada under the French  
régime.

On the day of Miss Helen Astor's wed-  
ding to Mr. James Roosevelt, in New  
York, she provided a feast for all the pa-  
tients in Bellevue Hospital. The fare  
comprised 900 pounds of chicken, ten bar-  
rels of vegetables, twenty bushels of fruit,  
and a great variety of cake and confection-  
ery.

Dr. Pusey was too ill to preach before  
the members of Oxford University three  
weeks ago, but his sermon—a very eloquent  
one—was read by Canon Liddon. Modern  
science in England, the Doctor said, did  
not, for the most part, deny God, but it  
was so busy about secondary causes that it  
had no time to think about the first.

The Earl of Rosbery opened the win-  
ter course of lectures before the Edinburgh  
Literary Institution on the 6th of Novem-  
ber with an address, in the course of which  
he said that the late Mr. A. T. Stewart  
told him in New York that his only reason  
from the toils of his enormous business  
was the occasional reading of an ode of  
Horace.

The statement travelling the rounds of  
the press to the effect that the late Admiral  
Paulding died a millionaire is a cruel hoax.  
His entire estate consisted of a small and  
heavily mortgaged farm in Suffolk county,  
New York (where he resided at the time  
of his death), life insurance policies to the  
amount of less than \$5,000, and a few hun-  
dred dollars in cash.

A nuptial gathering of deans came about  
at Grace Church, in New York, on Tues-  
day. As soon as the trossouer of Mrs. A.  
Roche, an English lady who arrived from  
Liverpool last Friday, escaped the Custom  
House, the Rev. Dr. Boomer, dean of the  
diocese of Huron, Canada, met the lady  
and led her to the altar. Dean Grassit  
performed the ceremony.

New York Herald: Mr. E. A. Sothern  
writes, under date of November 3, that the  
nature and extent of his indisposition have  
been somewhat exaggerated. His physi-  
cians advised immediate rest, because he  
was overworked, but he feels so much  
better that he will resume his provincial  
engagements. His appearance at the Park  
Theatre, agreeable to announcement, may  
be therefore confidently expected.

Minister Bayard Taylor has written to  
St. Luke's German Congregational Church,  
of Burlington, Iowa, stating that the Em-  
peror William has been pleased to con-  
tribute 500 reichmarks (\$119) for the pur-  
chase of a bell. Some time ago the mem-  
bers of the church petitioned the Emperor  
for a cannon that had been captured by the  
Prussian army. William hadn't any old  
iron lying around loose, so he will forward  
the shakels.

The divorce statistics of Vermont indi-  
cate that brutality toward wives is on the  
increase, intolerable severity on the part  
of husbands having been the ground, in  
1877, for no less than 79 of the 175 divorces  
granted.

Although the death warrant of Keboe,  
the notorious Molly Maguire, has been  
signed, his execution is not, it seems, by  
any means certain. His case will again be  
brought before the Board of Pardons.

**Significance of Gordon's Re-Elec-  
tion.**

The telegraph has brought us the grati-  
fying news that Hon. John B. Gordon was  
on Tuesday last almost unanimously re-  
elected his own successor as United States  
Senator from Georgia, on the first and  
separate ballots of each House of the Legis-  
lature, and that his election was confirmed  
by that body in joint session yesterday.  
This result, characterized as one of the  
greatest political triumphs ever achieved  
in Georgia, is both gratifying and signifi-  
cant.  
It is gratifying because it is a fitting  
recognition by the people of Georgia,  
through their representatives in the Legis-  
lature, of the worth and excellence of a  
"real and true man." We do not flatter  
General Gordon when we say that, in every  
public position which he has ever filled, he  
has, so far, proven eminently capable and  
faithful, while as soldier, citizen and states-  
man he has always shown himself a true  
patriot, and the devoted and loyal son of  
Georgia, ever striving, first of all things,  
for her material and political welfare. This  
is a plain truth generally acknowledged.  
We can, therefore, utter it without incur-  
ring the charge of indulging in fulsome  
praises of the gentleman of whom we write.  
The Legislature of Georgia in honoring  
Gordon has simply honored itself.

But his overwhelming triumph is at this  
time peculiarly significant. It will be re-  
membered that the Independent movement  
of the seventh Congressional district, under  
the leadership of Dr. Felton, their reverend  
Congressman elect, attempted to organize  
a factions opposition to General Gordon's  
re-election, because during the campaign  
he, in accordance with what he conceived  
to be his duty both as a Democratic leader  
holding a high commission from his party,  
and as a citizen seeking to serve his State,  
canvassed the district in opposition to the  
Independent and in favor of the organized  
Democracy. It will also be remembered  
that, in addition to this, these same Inde-  
pendents under their distinguished leader,  
held, after the election, a grand jubilee in  
Atlanta over their success, which, as was  
generally believed and asserted, was the  
first step by them towards a movement for  
a general opposition which was to be led  
by Rev. Dr. Felton. Carried away by their  
elation over winning a Congressional vic-  
tory by a by no means overwhelming ma-  
jority, these same Independents on that oc-  
casion talked and spoke as if they regard-  
ed the gubernatorial prize already secured.  
Now, putting these things together,  
General Gordon's overwhelming re-election  
shows very clearly that Dr. Felton and the  
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**TO THE DEMOCRATIC CONSERVATIVE PARTY OF NORTH CAROLINA.**

The State Executive Committee congratulates the Democratic-Conservative party of North Carolina upon the result of the recent Congressional elections at the North. These elections clearly indicate three things which are of consequence to us: First, that the people of the country are dissatisfied with the Republican party and are unwilling for their ruinous measures and fraudulent practices. Second, that the National Government, with popular favor, and as a separate organization, have utterly failed to impress themselves upon the country; and lastly, that the war of the Democracy party is still in the ascendant, and the people are looking to that party as the only one capable of restoring prosperity to the country, and able to administer the government on those Constitutional and just principles, which are essential alike to the happiness of our citizens and to the perpetuity of our institutions. Thus in the elections held in eight States the Republicans have lost twelve members of Congress; the Nationals have elected four; and the Democrats have elected twenty-three, and have gained seven seats.

These facts demonstrate that the people intend to invest the Democratic party with the full control of the National Government. The success of the next Congress will be Democratic by a considerable majority, and it is only necessary for the Democrats of the South to remain steadfast in their allegiance to our organization, and our triumph will be complete. It is for us to determine whether the banner on which are inscribed Reconciliation, Home Rule and Financial Reform, shall trail in the dust, or shall be borne on victory.

Be assured, fellow-citizens, that without preparation, it will be impossible to achieve success. Let us not by our apathy, our lukewarmness and indifference, postpone the accession to power of that party which alone has been able to check Republican corruption and to arrest the progress of our government towards a centralized system.

Let us be steadfast in our devotion to principle, true to our organization and endeavor by every means to discountenance those independent and disorganizing who oppose our worthy standard-bearers. Freely and faithfully chosen by the Democratic party in Convention assembled.

In particular do we desire to repeat what we have so often urged: the necessity of thorough local organization. It is the township committees who are charged with the most important of all party duties. To them is committed the duty of supervising the election, and of devising means to bring out every Democratic voter to the polls. They ought to meet frequently and advise and take counsel together how best to promote the interests of that party, on whose success depends so largely the prosperity of themselves and of their posterity. In every township, in every neighborhood, there ought to be appointed a committee of active, efficient, and prudent party men, who will undertake to see that every Democrat in the precinct comes to the polls, and that he falls into the hands of our non-resident friends, and if in any township it is neglected, we appeal to our Democratic friends there to send their conveyances for all their neighbors who otherwise might not attend the polls.

Let it be clearly understood in every locality that he who fails to vote for our non-resident friends, gives half a vote to the Republican party, and that the Conservative who casts his vote for an independent is taking the surest means to break up and destroy the only party which can give relief to our afflicted country. We warn our fellow-citizens that great ends cannot be accomplished except at the cost of some inconvenience, and often through the sacrifice of our personal preferences; and we appeal to every man who has the good of the people at heart to give a portion of one day to his duties, and subordinating his individual preferences, cast his ballot for the nominee of the Conservative party.

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