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FRIDAY MORNING, DECEMBER 20, 1878.

HANCOCK.

We are not, a la Herald, making a new President every day. The Sus has no time just now to make Presidents, engaged as it is in making itself a first-class newspaper. But if people will talk about Presidential candidates the live newspapers will print what they say. Recently THE Sus has spoken of Senators. Thurman and Bayard. To-day it devotes itself to General Hancock.

If East and West get into a snarl over the financial plank and the Republicans nominate Grant, the South will bring out a "middle man"-not one of her own sons. for her sons have a bigger thing before

will, the cordial support of the larger and better part of the Southern population. The movement is warmly endorsed by the Charlotte Observer.

CORRUPTION and MISMANAGE-MENT.

late war in Turkey. No Department in the Government has been as badly managed since the war as the Navy. Under Grant Robeson undoubtedly abused his high position, to what extent precisely it can only be known by close investigation., In their report the majority of the House Committee make some figures which throw light on the mismanagement that has prevailed in naval affairs.

The majority report shows that the ex- lessly ill for many weeks with a pulmonary Sidney Johnston on the Cumberpenditures of the Navy Department from 1870 to 1877, inclusive, was \$182,496,033 it money, to which is to be added millions

of accumulated material. Altegether \$960,-000,000 has been expended on the navy, of Cabel, comprises three hundred women, inwhich \$416,785,272 have been expended cluding slaves. He has one son, Yakoub since 1864. A tabulated statement sub. Khan, whom he lately released from sevemitted shows a constant and almost cease- ral. years' imprisonment, and eighteen "bit of secret history" as veracious as the less disregard and violations of several sec- daughters, of whom ten are married to legend of R.p. Van Winkle, and the strictions of the Revised Statutes, which pro- distinguished vassals.

vides that all purchases and contracts for . The members of St. Paul's Methodist supplies shall be let to the lowest bidder. Episcopal Church at Newark, (N. J.,) have who is a regular dealer or manufacturer of subscribed \$1,000 towards the endowment the article he desires to supply. Under of a professorship in the Deaw Theological the contracts over \$20,000.000 has been ex- Seminary at Madison, in memory of the pended in violating these sections. It is late Bishop Edmund S. James, the first shown that thirty-one ships, whose original president of the board of trustees of that cost was \$13,775,837 52, were sold for institution.

\$542,524 47; and twenty ships that cost

all the old cannon required to be cast into a monument and statue of General Custer. The Baroness Burdett Coutts is interesting herself in gathering clothing and money for the relief of the 100,000 fugitives who have been driven to .Constantinople from the districts devastated by the Should Wade Hampton live to take

his seat in the Senate, South Carolina will be represented in that body by two men with wooden legs. Senator Butler lost one of his legs in a cavalry charge at Brandy Station. Dr. Linderman, Director of the Mint, united

has been dangerously, and at times hope-

affection. He is now somewhat better and

at the department. He will retire from Est acts from Col. Preston Joloston's device office in a few weeks. The harem of Shere Ali, the Emir of 1 Gath.

Of Gen. Butler's speech on Monday the the Government \$12,614.39045 were broken World says : It was not only a manly and up and sold for \$541.8331, 16, from which clear defense of Mr. Butler's own State, take the sum of \$101.847 44, cost of de- but a cool and courteous one also; and a February 1, and February 16, but they struction. Materials, whose cost is not Senator from South Carolina is entitled to ascertainable, have been sold, bartered and unusual credit who could retain his coolexchanged for comparatively trifling sums, ness and his courtesy in defending his and these sums have been applied without State from charges so monstrous as have being first appropriated by law, thus dis- been brought against her for the purpose posing of vast amounts of the people's of subjecting her again to the edious and and the employment of the whole of this money unlawfully. In the case of the scandalous despotism to which she was for force against Buell would have necessibuilding of the Puritan it is shown that ten years subjected. Governor Hampson the interests of the government were not will have a worthy colleague, as South see and Cumberland, thus laying open his Nationals have elected four; and the Demo- subscribers, with the money, will be entitled duly guarded by Isaiah Hanscom, chief of Carolina

pioneers in the work of organized good that there will be no difficulty in getting would go further and crumble into ruin our entire system. Sir, when the gentieman tells me that the South is in the same danger that the East is, that the New England States are, he only reiterates a fact that I have attempted to impress upon both sections, and that is, that the inviolability of the Constitut on is the only shield and safeguard of New England, as well as of the South. Sir, the menace does not come from the weak and impotent South. When this popular movement, this effort to bring this Government to the pure principle of Democratic absolutism, trampling, down in + kinds. Office No. 22 North Water street.

its relentless strides, the barriers of the Constitution, he will find the power, not in the South, but in the mighty West, whose little finger is greater and more potent than the two thighs of South and East

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If I am not mistaken in my recollection (nur daily stage line is now in full operation. of their arguments my reviewer merely re-Persons desiring to retains to Winniggton by peats the criticisms of Mr. Swinton in his way of Cheraw and Florence can do so at how mass: Close sounded made with the up. Decisive Battles of the War," based on a and down textus on the C. C. Railway. Alldress. G. W. HUNTLY, dee 11-m Wadeshoro. tures in Jordan's "Life of Forrest," which strikingly exhibit the superiority of retra-TO THE DEMOCRATIC+CONSTRVA spection over foresight. The theory of all TITE PARTS OF NORTH CARO. three is that General Johnston should have

without a fleet could be assail Grant post-The State Executive Committee congratu ed on the northern bank of the Ohio and lates the doemocratic-Codservative party of protected by ganboats? An offensive North Carelina upon the result of the recent Congressional elections at the North. These movement, then, can only mean an attack on Buell. Now, Secretary Belknap's reelections clearly indicate three things which are of consequence to us : First, that the peoport (page 538) shws that Grant had, Febble of this country are dissatisfied with the ruary 1, 1862, 27,113 men, and Buell, Feb-Republican party and are unwilling for the ruary 20, 1862, 103,864. These are, of Republican leaders to addict us longer with course, exclusive of the large minforcetic ir rulie us measures and foundaieni pracments sent from Halleck to Grant between second, that the Nationals do not meet with popular layer, and, as a separate of shit form an aggregate of 131,000 men. Sevenzation, have attend to in wes that adves a on the connerve and metry, that the ty-five thousand effectives can scarcely be an of the D-modatic party is still in the overstatement of Buch'sstrength and 20.000 secondant, eno the people are looking to that of Grant's. My volume states correctly party as the only one capable of restoring that General Johnston never had more prosperity to the country, and able to adminthan 43,000 effectives on his whole line, ister the government on those Constitutional and just principles, which are essential alike tated the abandonment of the defence of

less sufficient postage has been prepaid. to the happiness of our citizens and to the Liberal terms to local agents, perpetuity of our institutions. Thus in the elections held in eight States the Republicans CLUBS,-Any person sending us ion yourly the Mississippi River and of the Tennes- have lost twelve members of Congress ; the

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them than even running for President of the United States, but they will announce as the great national candidate, Winfield S. Hancock, the brave Pennsylvanian who dared to remember that he was a man when he reflected that he might be ordered to do a myrmidon's work.

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There is little a k of Dark Horses. The country wants her very best and most prominent citizens in public stations. The man for President is the well-known man. and the great mon. In connection with the Presidential nomination THE SUS has heard only those spoken of who are truly representative men of our times. One of these is General Hancock, the most intellectual man in the army and one of the truest patriots in the country.

DIFFERS FROM THE COURT.

Considering his previous experience in discussing constitutional questions with Mr. Lamar, we are surprised-if anything Mr. Blaine could do could surprise usthat the Senator from Maine should attempt to discuss a point with the brilliant Senator from Mississippi involving a knowledge of the Constitution. Elsewhere THE SUN prints that part of the discussion in the Senate on Monday, which to representation of the related in Congress and the con-States struction put on this part of the Constitution by the Supreme Court. Blaine claimed that there was an unfair disproportion in favor of the Southern States, and that the Court was wrong in construing the Constitution. Now, Mr. Blaine, as is well known, is no lawyer, and, like the "necessity" which drives him to great straits, "knows no law" by private reading'. He would set up his prejudices against the solemn and deliberate opinion of the Supreme Court of the land. He would, in order to please the unreflecting men of his party, take an absurd position which places him before the world in the attitude of a supple-jointed fool grinning at his own abundant and irredeemable folly. It is needless to say that there has been no such exhibition recently in the Senate. Other Senators on the Republican side either know something of the Constitution or are wise enough to keep their lips closed. It must have afforded Messrs. Edmunds and Conkling infinite satisfaction to see the junior Senator from Maine thus commit hari-kari. Mr. Blaine poses as the leader of the stalwarts, and these men know how little able he is to lead them when questions of law and other delicate and complicated questions are to be discussed. But, shock or no shock, Mr. Blaine differs from the Supreme Court. And we are sorry for the Court.

the bureau of construction, and it is the Butler. conclusion of the committee that the responsibility of his actions in regard to said vessel is not his alone, but should be shared by Mr. Robeson. Five double-turreted' monitors cost the government over \$10,000,000 in property and in money over \$1,500,000, and by present estimates it will take \$2,500,000 to complete them, making

the average cost over \$4,000,000. The committee hold that the law requiring the Secretary of the Navy to make reports of sales and contracts to Congress has not been complied with, which is a misde- States; and in this connection I beg here meanor.

The committee claim that the report the facts in which are taken from official records and reports, shows that all the protective and prohibitory enactments of the law made for the security and preservation of the public money and amounts of public preperty have been illegally vested, expended and disposed of without any compensating benefits.

In the further discharge of their duty, the majority of the committee say that for the existing indebtedness of the navy department, and that for the unlawful sale and disposition of large amounts of valuable property belonging to the naval service and the unlawful disposition of large sums of the public money appropriated. to the naval service, George M. Robeson, late Secretary of the Navy; W. W. W. Wood, late Chief of the Bureau of Steam Engineering ; Isaiah Hanscom, late Chief of the Bureau of Construction and Repair, and James H. Watmough, late Chief of the Bureau of Provisions and Clothing, are chiefly responsible. The report further England, always held up, I will gather tosays there are other agents of the Government whose conduct in the public service deserves to be inquired into by the executive department, and they are, Chief Engineers Stewart, Finian and Henderson, whose hasty examination of material at the Boston navy-yard does not evince a very high interest or regard for the public entirely no doubt to the want of clearness service.

The committee conclude that, in order that the law may be vindicated and respect for its mandates maintained, it is the duty of the House to mark its condemnation of the illegal practices of these formerofficers of the Navy Department, and to recommend to the executive department of the government the arraignment and trial of George M. Robeson, W. W. W. Wood, Isaiah Hanscom and James H. Watmough before the naval and criminal tribunals of the country, to the end that, if upon such trial they are found guilty, they may be punished. The committee conclude with a

HEARNE AND LAMAR. A Discussion on Monday Over :

Question of Constitutional Law.

Mr. Blaine-We are going down to indict no man and to try no man. It is to ascertain a question far beyond and far above the rights or the wrongs of any individual, and that is whether there is a fair and importial representation in the make-up of the Congress of the United to reply to a remark made by the honorable Senator from Mississippi [Mr. Lamar] effectives. on the day when these resolutions were debated before, and that remark implied that even if there might be some advantage for the South in the popular branch of Congress it was an advantage more than compensated by some countervening advantage which we held in this branch." Sir, whenever that phase is brought to light, knowing that it is held up as a dreadful example, let me tell the honorable Senator from Mississippi and the country that I can name six Southern States that send twelve genital incapacity. Senators to this floer with one-half the white population of the six New Eugland States and with less than the aggregate population. So that if the remedy hinted at by the Senator from Mississippi should resorted to, that scalpel would cut more deeply into the South than it would in the North. Let me tell him, sir, that of the thirty-two Senators who sit here from the Southern States and forty-four from the Northern States, a much larger number of constituents are behind each Northern Senator than behind each Southern Senator. Then if you take in the classes be- First-Class City Grocery, tween the North and South the advantage is overwhelmingly against the South. If gether six States of the South that illustrate in a far more striking manner what the Senator intimated by the injustice of representation in this branch. Mr. Lamar-Mr. President, the Senator

from Maine misunderstood the position which I took with reference to the representation of States in this Senate, owing in my own statement. If I did not misapprehend the Senator from Maine on that occasion his argument was that under the amendments which coaferred freedom and citizenship and suffrage upon the black race, the South through certain irregular methods had obtained a representation in the House of Representatives disproportioned, not to her population but to the actual voters at tle polls, and if I did not mistake him he quoted from the Supreme Court reports of the United States a deciion that the power of Congress did not extend far enough to remedy that disproportion of representation in the other House. is new complete, and will be sold at least 25 If I understood him he said that that decision which denied the power of Congress to per cent. lower than ever known have before. legislate so long as the laws of a State it-

rear to an attack from Grant. Such parlo ve ciccuca twenty-turce, and to one annual subscription. strategy might well excite our wonder. to ned seven.

These facts demonstrate that the people in-But had such concentration been possible, lend to invest the Democratic party with the should this army of 43,000 men have been full centrol of the National Government. The led out to assail Buell's 75.000 in their de-Senate of the next Congress will be Democratic sensive lines? Yet this is what the critic by a considerable majority, and it is only would require General Johnston to have necessary for the Democrats of the South to remain steadfast in their allegiance to our ordone in order to prove himself "a general gaaization, and our triumph will be complete. of really great character." It might pos-It is for us to determine whether the banner sibly have been done with a disciplined on which are inscribed Reconciliation, Home army against an incompetent commander. Rule and Financial Reform, shall trail in the But neither of these conditions existed. dust, or shall be borne on to victory. verse the case, and let my critic inform Every consideration of interest, of nolicy readers when one of the "really great" and of patriotism then urges us to prepare inducsiately for the approaching political deral generals ever attacked Confederstruggle e troops against such odds. But it must

Be assured, fellow-citizens, that without remembered that the greatest force preparation, it will be impossible to achieve General Johnston ever got together at

Bowling Green was 23,000-not 43,000-Let us ot by our apathy, our lake warmness and indifference postpone the accession to power of that party which alone has been able to check Republican corruption and to price arrest the progress of our government towards a centralized despotism. Let us be steadfast in our devotion to prin-

Senator Blaine ought to acquire such ciple, true to our organization and endcavor mowledge as his position needs by private by every means to discountenance those independents and disorganizers who oppose our study and in his own hours. It is hardly worthy standard-bearers freely and fairly fair either to Mr. Lamar or to the counchosen by the Democratic party in Convention try that he should require Mr. Lamar on assembled. the floor of the Senate to instruct him in

In particular do we desire to repeat what constitutional law, for which he has a conwe have so often urged-the necessity of thorough local organization. It is the town ship committees who are charged with the most important of all party duties. To them is .committed the duty of supervising the AND SPACE election, and of d vising 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 for-We will simply announce that we keep tunes of that party, on whose success depends so largely the prosperity of themselves and of All Goods 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 Domocrat in the precinct comes to the dis and casts his ballot for our nomineee. We therefore urge this upon the township committees; 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 LOWER THAN EVER.

Let it be clearly understood in every locality that he who fails to vote for our _ondinee, 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 someinconvenience, and often through the sacrifice of our personal preferences; and we appeal to every man who has the good of the people | cation which must commend itself to the

at heart to give a portion of one day to his public. country, and subordinating his individual preferences, cast his ballot for the nominee of the Conservative party. For the Committee :

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The fact was published in yesterday's Sun that Mr. N. Dumont, a Northern man residing in Charlotte, had issued a call for a convention of Northern settlers in North and South Carolina and Georgia to meet in Charlotte on the 15th of January next. The purposes of the gathering are stated in Mr. Dumont's letter, printed in another place in to-day's SUN.

This movement, which seems not to be a crotchet or personal scheme of the prime mover, but the result of conference with other settlers from the North. is, as we understand it, in no political or monopoly-ring interest, but is a spontaneous effort to have the truth known with regard to social relations and industrial matters in the South. As such, we cordially herald it as the harbinger of a better era to come, we trust speedily;

resolution providing for the proposed investigation.

This being a matter of supreme importance we print this full summary of the majority report of the Naval Committee The Republicans, in order to screen Robeson and his associates and throw a shield before Grant, refuse to join in these exposures and recommendations, and make a minority report. Let the country know how the public money has been misappropriated. A special investigation will probably reyeal more than the committee were able to find.

PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS.

Edwin Booth is clearing from \$1,000 to \$4,000 a week by acting this season, his terms being half the receipts.

The St. Louis Post prints a long story about a Mrs. Holmes, of Lebannon, 111., who, as alleged, slept from the 24th of November to the 12th of December.

Dr. Livingstone, the explorer, is to have a tablet erected to his memory in Westminister Abbey, Dean Stanley having consented. It will take the form of a stainedglass window.

General F. A. Walker, the superintendent of the last census and now a professor in Yale College, will probably return to his old position as soon as the legislation he recommends is passed.

Mr. Thurlow Weed has received a letter

self did not deny or abridge any of these rights to the negro population-that Congress was powerless to intervene-was in-

dorsed by him as being true to the letter of the Constitution which killeth. I understood him to say that the Constitution as thus construed was a killing Constitution, and that the letter of it stood up as a barrier to the enforcement of the rights conferred upon the colored citizens. Mr. Blaine-The Senator misunderstood

Mr. Lamar-Owing to my own obtuseness no doubt.

Mr. Blaine-Such might be the ruling of the courts, I said, on the letter which killeth, but I protested against the equity and justice of it. I did not at all admit that that was what in my judgment the

Constitution was designed to be. Mr. Lamar-Precisely. He did not admit that it was what it was designed to be: but do I understand now the Senator to say that he differs with the Court in its construction of the Constitution? Mr. Blaine-I de. That may not be a very great shock to the court; but, never-

theless I do. Mr. Lamar-I differ from the Senator. The court will be greatly shocked, but, perhaps, will survive the attack. (Laughter). Then, sir, I thought it was not amiss to suggest that if there were remedies in the American people to prevent this disproportionate representation, and if we could so legislate as to make, not population, but actual voters at the polls,, to be the limit of the representation of a State; and if Congress, or the people, by their amending power, should thus interpose to reform the Government, and to make it a Government based entirely on numbers, not that New England alone. but that the and we pledge in advance, to the generous from the War Department to the effect | South, also, might apprehend that you

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