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Some of the Northern independent papers profess to be surprised at the action of the Democratic caucus in demanding the repeal of the Federal election laws. It must have been a stupid observer of events who could not see that for months pas: there has been crystallizing a Demotratic sentiment in favor of such a movement. The State rights resolutions of the Alabama and Virginia Legislatures no more than the thousand-voiced Democratic

cities there has been great dissatisfaction growing out of the high-handed course of the supervisors. and bo not a Tracket at a The other questions of interest which was decided by the caucus was the repeal of the test oath required of Federal jurors. Mr. Southard moved that an amendment be made in the House to the Legislative, Executive and Judicial Appropriation bill, repealing sections 820 and 821 of the Revised Statutes, which impose the test oath upon jurors. The motion after some de-bate was adopted unanimously. Senator Thurman said that the repeal of the test laws would not correct the evil in certain of the Southern States where jurors are selected under the supervision of the Federal courts. In such cases the jury is age. The funeral services are to be performed to-morrow in the Little Church packed before the jurors' names are placed in the box. He therefore proposed that additional legislation to provide that, in all judicial districts where the States do not select the jurors 300 names be selected by the Clerk of the Court and a Commissioner, the Clerk and Commissioner to be of opposite political parties. Of the 300 names, the Clerk is

selected one-half and the Commissioner the other half, and the jury is to be drawn from a box containing the names. Mr. Thurman made a long speech in support of his proposition, to which there was manifested some objection. "Let come what "may," he said, "the iniquity of packed ju-"ries and the subversion of the right of the "people to have a just and fair representa-"tion in the courts of the land must be stop "ped, and the sooner the better." He reminded the caucus when fears were expressed that the additional legislation he proposed would not be germane to the appropriation bills, that the Radicals passed most of their obnoxious political legislation in the form of amendments to money Senator Bayard opposed Mr. Thurman's

proposition, not because the object it was intended to accomplish was not proper, but he did not think that appropriation bills foreign to the subject matter of the bills. Mr. Potter opposed Mr. Thurman's plan, and Ben Hill did not think the additional legislation proposed was entirely wise. When the question was put to a vote, it was adopted by a large majority of the caucus. To suit every one, in style and price. For caucus.

After all the only question was one of party expediency. Should we force the measures through at the risk of defeating the appropriation bills and rendering necessary an extra session of Congress? It seems that Mr. Thurman's influence dominated the caucus, though that may have been more apparent than real. Always, on all questions Mr. Bayard's positions are taken more with reference to the "eternal" than the temporary "fitness of things." His outlook is usually larger than that of his contemporaries, because he sees more than the mere party advantage in questions of policy. In this matter he was doubtless right as a statesman as he appears to be wrong as a politician. Evidently the Democratic party ought to put itself on record on these questions now, and force the dying power of the Republicans in the Senate to show its hand JIII

Our Northwestern Connections. In addition to the remarks in Sunday's Sun in advocacy of the Narrow Gauge Road to Mt. Airy and Ore Knob, we print a communication this morning which warmly endorses this scheme as a great State enterprise.

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No misfortane so startling and so com plete in its pathos as that which happened to the British detachment on the Tugela River, in South Africa, has occurred since gallant Custer and his heroic band were cut to pieces on the Red Bud. London is greatly shocked and the details from the scene are read with the utmost avidity. The Zulus are a powerful native tribe who have been friendly to the British until recently.

Making Tea in the South. A Baltimore tea merchant is making the tour of the South making investigations in regard to tea culture. He thinks that Americans should not attempt to imitate the China green tea, with its coloring and fancy twisting, but confine themselves no curing the leaf so as to obtain the best possible cup of tea without regard to appearance. Besides the work of twist ing, that of sorting the tea according to shape and size can, he thinks, be dispensed press gave expression to the popular wish with to advantage, simplifying greatly the for the States to be untrammelled in electrons. This wish has been stimulated no diminishing the cost. The cultivation of doubt by the rascally conduct of some of the tea plant in Georgia, he declares from the Federal supervisors. Davenport in and Japan, is perfectly practicable, and his experience of several years in China New York has shown what a tyranny these he offers one dollar a pound for all leaves laws can put in force when they are exe- shipped to his firm the firm engaging to of party. In Cincinnati, too, and other producers are fairly on their feet.

Henry Harewood Leech.

New York Sun, 11th. Major Henry H. Leech, who died in this | To prove that we mean what we say, city on Sunday, was a broker in Philadelphia some years ago, and then estimated to be worth about a million dollars. He had travelled in the Holy Land and pubon his return to America he sought a life Hill, near Philadelphia. But Black Friday stripped him of all, and he came to of his death he was a member of the staff of the Herald, He was about 36 years of Round the Corner.

How He Placated Her.

A woman in a Kansas Pacific railroad car sat facing a man who, with one eye at least, seemed to be staring fixedly at her. She became indignant, and said, "Why do you look at me so, sir?" He said that he was not aware of having done so; but she insisted. "I beg your pardon, madam, but it's this eye, is it not?" lifting his finger to his left optic. "Yes, sir; it's that eye." "Well, madam, that eye won't do New York Weekly Herald. you any harin; it's a glass eye, madamonly a glass eye. I hope you'll excuse it. But, upon my soul, I'm not surprised that even a glass eye should be interested in so pretty a woman." The explanation and the compliment combined to put the woman in a good humor.

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