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Maine. To-day the attention of the nation is directed to our "Dauntless" sister, where the battle between Grant and Greeley is being fought. Both sides are thoroughly organized and ready for the fray, and if the weather is favorable we have no doubt but a full vote will be polled.

Our opponents kindly admit that they do not expect to utterly annihilate the Republican party in Maine, and that is some comfort anyhow. They claim, however, to reduce our majority from 10,631 of last year to eight or even to four thousand majority, claiming that it is reduced even to eight thousand that they have gained a great victory. How they expect to reduce this figure (if they can get us down to it) to a majority for Greeley in November, they do not inform us. We will probably know by to-morrow, however, and there is no necessity for much speculation, but we have unlimited confidence in the sturdy men of Maine, and confidently expect a splendid victory. Of course the Democracy are fortifying themselves by cries of "colonization," etc., but its efficacy has about died out, and we do not anticipate any bad results from such a senseless charge. We can readily understand why they expect it, when we remember that they carried Connecticut for many years by importing New York roughs for that purpose, but as we always pile up these big legitimate majorities, their shouts and cries have heretofore availed them nothing, and it will be the same to-day. Maine will fairly show us the strength of Greeley in the Northern States. We await the result without much anxiety or fear that a Democratic victory in "heavy reduction of the Radical majorities" will prop the sinking fortunes of the Philosopher.

In order that our readers may thoroughly understand the situation, we print the following from the New York Times:

The popular vote of Maine for the last four years has been as follows:

| Year | Rep. | Dem. | Temp. Maj. |
|------|--------|--------|------------|
| 1868 | 75,831 | 55,431 | 20,400 |
| 1869 | 79,400 | 42,396 | 37,004 |
| 1870 | 51,578 | 39,854 | 11,724 |
| 1871 | 54,049 | 44,734 | 9,315 |
| 1872 | 59,757 | 48,129 | 11,628 |

All the Congressional districts were carried by the Republicans in 1870 by the following majorities: First district, 1,496; Second, 2,517; Third, 2,320; Fourth, 2,040; Fifth, 1,210. As to the issue on the Governorship the Democrats themselves conceded the reelection of Perham, and labor only to reduce his majority. We do not, however, expect a decrease large enough to affect the canvass in other States, or to inspire the coalition with the hope of electing Mr. Greeley in November. Owing to local causes and the existence of a few hundred Greeley Republicans, the majority will probably fall below that of September, 1868, but the decision will be emphatic enough to predicate success in November.

In two of the Congressional districts, the First and Fifth, there is more of a contest, and the coalitionists are making a spirited canvass. In the First district a change of eight hundred votes would elect a Democratic Representative, and the number is small enough to encourage so sanguine a party as the Liberals to put forth extra exertions. In the Fifth there was a bolt from the Republican Convention that nominated the Hon. Eugene Hale, which ended in the nomination of ex-Congressman F. A. Pike. That gentleman, to secure the support of the coalitionists, has used Liberalism, and, retaining a fair measure of popularity among his old associates, will probably reduce Hale's majority of 1,200 in 1870 several hundreds.

The Star says that Doolittle has indicated himself from the aspersion of the Conatti letter. Here we beg leave to differ with our neighbor. Doolittle denied the letter and the Times having the original draft in Doolittle's hand writing, he had to come down. We did not publish the letters and in reference to them, but knowing all the parties we make this statement for the benefit of our readers. This man Conatti was a Captain in the 1st Wisconsin Cavalry, but left under very unfavorable circumstances. He was in utter disgrace but soon turned up as a clerk in one of the Washington Departments. Judge Doolittle, who lived but a few miles from Kenosha where Conatti had formerly resided, knew him, and after being in the Department awhile, he appeared as a cotton speculator, and here is now his version of the Doolittle transaction. Conatti said that: "Doolittle favored his application, and, after it was granted said to him one day, 'this thing will

make you rich—I am poor; it is only fair that you should divide and give me a quarter interest in all you make." He then handed Conatti a letter, addressed to himself for Conatti to copy and send, the letter containing an offer to Doolittle of one fourth of all the profits of the speculation; also at the same time he gave Conatti his own reply, expressing his astonishment and surprise and finally signifying a reluctant acceptance. Conatti did as bid. Doolittle then gave him letters to Gen. Banks at New Orleans and secured other documents to smooth his way, those purporting to come from himself being of a very devout and prayerful kind."

And the original drafts of the above mentioned letters are now in the possession of the New York Times. Of course Doolittle is a "reformer," and advocates Greeley.

Gold. The gold market in Wall street is as sure an indicator of the state of the country as the barometer is of the weather. When any measure is advocated in Congress, which sound business men believe to be disastrous, gold will rise in price. This has always been acknowledged by the wise heads of Wall street, and although "Rings" and "Corners" are formed for the purpose of fluctuating the prices of the precious metals, their action is short lived and easily accounted for. The values of gold, in a commercial sense, have been for the past two months no exception to the above rule. When the Baltimore Convention, following the lead of the side show at Cincinnati, nominated Mr. Greeley, gold commenced rising day by day, and almost hour by hour, until after the result of the North Carolina election was made known, when it became unsteady, and with a downward tendency. As the campaign continued, and the chances of Greeley's election became less, gold steadily and gradually went down until the Vermont election, when it took a more rapid slide. We prophesy a further decline as the results of the Maine struggle are made known, and with the election of Gen. Grant it will come down to a living rate. With the declension in gold will come the reduction in price of all our necessities, such as flour, meal, pork, etc., and with our good crops nearly ready for the harvest, we anticipate good times the coming year in the old North State.

In Sunday's Star we had its views on the election in Maine, in the following words:

It is our opinion that Ferhim and the rest of the Radical State ticket will be elected by largely reduced majorities. We are willing to concede them an average majority on the State ticket of from four to eight thousand. If they do no better than this, we shall claim Maine as certain for Greeley in November. If their majority shall not be above our highest figures, the result will be a great moral victory for Conservatism, and this will be the stepping stone to success in the Presidential election. They must maintain their last majority to entitle them to claim the election as a Great Republican victory.

And the "last majority" to which the Star alludes is 10,631.

Well, according to the dispatches we have carried the Star by 15,000 to 17,000 majority, and the Star this morning says:

There is nothing in this for the enemy to crow over. He has hardly held his own, as he ought to have polled above 10,000 to have made a real gain. And again the Star saith: "The Radicals cannot claim the Maine election as a victory."

We are satisfied with the result. It has proved all we have heretofore claimed, that Greeley's strength among the members of the regular Republican party amounts to almost nothing. When will our Southern brethren understand that the North vote for principles and not for individuals. It is astonishing to note the avidity with which the democratic press and orators grasp and publish every slender they can find about the President, when most of them are utterly without foundation. A new one is now going the rounds in relation to one J. Russell Jones of Galena. In a few days, this will be refuted, but our opponents will fail to report that portion of the farce, and many honest men will actually believe the slanders! Here is a specimen of Kilpatrick's

tactics and its refutation, in the Vermont campaign:

WINDSOR, VT., Aug. 28, 1872. DEAR SIR: Gen. Kilpatrick, who is now canvassing Vermont in behalf of Greeley and Brown, spoke last evening in this town. His address, which consisted largely of personal abuse of his opponents, contained one charge against President Grant in which your own good name is involved, which I have never heard before, and think it should be contradicted. He asserted that, before President Grant's inauguration, you presented to him a very fine florary, worth \$35,000, and then called attention to the fact that on the day after the inauguration you were nominated for the office of Attorney-General, intimating that the nomination followed as the direct result of the present. Gen. Kilpatrick added that he had made the same statement in twenty different addresses in Vermont, and that it had never been contradicted. Thinking that possibly you may not know of the charge referred to, and that it is being repeated throughout Vermont, I venture to inquire whether I may publicly contradict it upon your own authority. Yours very truly, Hon. E. R. HOAR.

J. EVERTS TRACY. LETTER FROM JUDGE HOAR. CONCORD, AUG. 29, 1872. J. E. Tracy, Esq., Windsor, Vt.: DEAR SIR: There is not one word of truth in the story about me which you say Gen. Kilpatrick is repeating in Vermont. I never made Gen. Grant a present of any kind in my life. Whether Gen. Kilpatrick is worth contradicting, you know better than I, as I know nothing about him, except from the newspaper reports of his speeches—and if the truthfulness of other parts of them is no greater than it is of those which I have personal knowledge, I should think he could injure nobody's reputation. The practical difficulty with the traducers of the President is that as soon as one misstatement is exposed, they set another going. Who invents them all I cannot imagine; but the supply seems to be unlimited, and the credit of the Greeley orators inexhaustible.

If anybody in Vermont thinks Gen. Kilpatrick's story requires any notice, you are at liberty to give it the most dignified denial on my part. Very truly yours, E. R. HOAR.

In another column we print an article in relation to charges against President Grant and J. Russell Jones. The following from the New York Times, is a sufficient answer to that charge. The Times says: "We once more brand the story invented by the Chicago and New York Tribunes, to the effect that Mr. J. Russell Jones gave any land whatever to President Grant, as a 'made out of white cloth'—that being the form of denial most familiar to Mr. Greeley. The facts will be made clear in a few days. In the meantime, we say that Mr. J. Russell Jones never gave any such land, or any other property, to General Grant, and, if we do not make that statement good, we will put down ten thousand dollars to our poor children's fund. Will the Tribune undertake to subscribe the same sum if it cannot prove its lying statement? Since it is so confident, surely it cannot hesitate to accept this offer. It has been hammering at this same lie, doing, every day for weeks past, and villecting that it is true. We will prove it to be utterly false or give the Children's Fund ten thousand dollars, provided the Tribune will pay over an equal sum if it should fail in substantiating its statement. Now, then, Mr. Feuton's pupil in political or chicanery, what do you say to that offer? Do you speak as usual?"

The Peabody Education Funds. The following is the plan of distribution of the Peabody Education Fund: Donations are not made to colleges, academies or any private sectarian, or charity schools. There will be given for well regulated Public Free Schools; continued about ten months of the year, and having a regular attendance not less than 100 pupils, averaging 85 per cent. \$300 150 200 250 300 450 600 800 1000

The people are to pay for current expenses at least twice as much as they receive from the fund, and bear all expense of erecting, repairing and furnishing school houses. They are to grade their schools and provide a teacher for every fifty pupils. Applications for assistance should be addressed to Rev. B. Sears, D. D., Staunton, Va., and forwarded to the Superintendent of Public Instruction, Raleigh N. C. The application for each school should state the facts of the case briefly and clearly, and be approved by the School Committee of the township in which the school is situated. No claim for a share of the fund can be admitted where a special contract has not been previously made.

ALEX. McIVER, Supt. of Public Instruction. It is hoped other city papers will insert the above, for the benefit of the cause of education.

We call the attention of our readers to the liberal offer made by the names of the Peabody fund in aid of free schools in North Carolina. If any community ought to avail itself of this offer it is the City of Wilmington. This amount added to the \$2 per four months, paid from the State fund ought to support several schools of excellent grade. We do hope our citizens will take some interest in the matter and start at once at it. There is no time to lose. Our young children are growing up in ignorance which will cause more expense to the State than to educate them. OSLEIGH E. DODGE, the singer and funny man generally, who paid \$625.00 for the first choice of a seat at the Jenny Lind concert in Boston, some twenty years ago, as an advertising dodge, is out in a new role according to the Star. He is now called Colonel Dodge and appears as a "prominent citizen of St. Paul, Minnesota, telling naughty stories about the Republicans there. It won't do Dodge! Continue your old business of denigrations and travel with Sol. Smith Russell, but don't speak for Minnesotians where you are only a "carpet bagger." You should have stayed in Boston, where Ossian's Serenade is better known. The Cincinnati editors, regardless of Dr. Watts, or any other man, are at it again. The Enquirer man says that "deep down in our heart of hearts we know M. Halstead to be a liar," and the genius of the Commercial characterizes the foregoing as "the obscene screeching of an infuriated loafer in the hands of the police." Fallen into Line. The Charleston Republican has hauled down that Greeley flag and raised the name of Grant & Wilson. It can't stand the press. As the news from Maine flashed over the wires we will probably see many more of the same sort. Fall in, gentlemen, there is still room from you on the big side. The Toledo Blade says that "almost all the leading opponents of Grant are too ill to take part in the canvass. Singular thing this illness, and convenient. They are the sickest lot of politicians we ever knew." THE Hon. Samuel J. Tilden, Chairman of the State Democratic Committee, New York, the supporters of the Tammany ring and its stupendous frauds says the "carpet baggers are in finitely worse than Tweed's government of the city of New York!" A parallel is drawn by this mighty apologist between the millions in cash stolen by the Democrats in a single city and the charges of fraud made in all the Southern States. Truly a fair comparison! But taken this State, for example! In round numbers sixteen million of the twenty millions went to Democrats and there were not one-fifth of the Legislature Northern men. How does the Hon. Tilden make out a "carpet bagger"?

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Republican Convention, held at Utica on the 21st ult., was duly received. I am very thankful to the Convention for thus distinguishing me when the names of so many gentlemen of high character were presented to it for the same office, and especially for the unanimity with which the nomination was tendered. You are aware that it was not only unsought for by me, but distinctly declined; not because I do not appreciate fully the honor even of being named for the Chief Magistracy of N. W. York, but for reasons purely personal. The Convention deemed it of so much importance, in the existing condition of things in the State and the Union, as to make the nomination of opposition to my expressed wishes, I am sure the members must have been actuated by public considerations too strong to be disregarded on my part. I therefore waive all objections and accept it. Should it be ratified by the people, no effort on my part will be spared to aid them in the redress of abuses which dishonor the State, and which will inflict irretrievable injury on its character and prosperity unless arrested by the timely and efficient remedies.

For the kind and complimentary manner in which you have communicated to me the action of the Convention, I beg you to accept my thanks, and to assure you of my sincere respect with which I am very truly yours. J. H. A. DIX. Hon. W. A. WHEELER, President of the Convention.

Official Return of the Vote for Attorney General at the election held on the 4th day of August, 1870. Also, the Vote for Governor, as far as heard from, held on Thursday August 1, 1872.

| COUNTIES. | S. F. PHILLIPS. | Wm. M. SHIPP. | Wm. R. CALLAWELL. | Northampton. |
|-------------|-----------------|---------------|-------------------|--------------|
| Alamance | 1,043 | 788 | 1,015 | 1,370 |
| Alexander | 247 | 804 | 189 | 645 |
| Alleghany | 158 | 877 | 184 | 559 |
| Ames | 980 | 1,057 | 1,019 | 1,494 |
| Ansby | 698 | 791 | 761 | 753 |
| Ashe | 1,846 | 1,505 | 1,665 | 1,331 |
| Beaufort | 1,301 | 867 | 1,514 | 949 |
| Bertie | 719 | 720 | 708 | 711 |
| Bladen | 891 | 1,446 | 1,114 | 1,538 |
| Brunswick | 693 | 808 | 683 | 892 |
| Burke | 551 | 863 | 311 | 1,011 |
| Cabarrus | 251 | 688 | 332 | 839 |
| Caldwell | 526 | 623 | 554 | 562 |
| Camden | 821 | 881 | 739 | 1,062 |
| Carteret | no return. | 1,456 | 1,456 | 1,456 |
| Caswell | 149 | 1,043 | 423 | 1,261 |
| Catawba | 1,224 | 1,361 | 1,038 | 1,774 |
| Chatham | 304 | 592 | 488 | 480 |
| Cherokee | 692 | 603 | 742 | 576 |
| Chowan | 174 | 218 | 142 | 232 |
| Clay | 31 | 1,212 | 547 | 1,099 |
| Cleveland | 4 | 197 | 686 | 1,045 |
| Columbus | 2,7 | 1,500 | 2,708 | 1,149 |
| Craven | 1,671 | 1,741 | 1,838 | 1,680 |
| Cumberland | 327 | 846 | 319 | 783 |
| Currituck | 168 | 263 | 270 | 382 |
| Dare | 1,150 | 1,216 | 1,516 | 1,284 |
| Davidson | 683 | 794 | 665 | 826 |
| Davie | 952 | 1,595 | 1,035 | 1,750 |
| Duplin | 2,878 | 776 | 3,452 | 1,474 |
| Durham | 1,04 | 954 | 1,115 | 1,073 |
| Edgecombe | 1,437 | 1,370 | 1,566 | 1,475 |
| Fayette | 698 | 863 | 683 | 824 |
| Franklin | no return. | 1,122 | 1,122 | 1,122 |
| Gaston | 2,368 | 2,408 | 2,655 | 1,976 |
| Granville | 1,006 | 794 | 947 | 783 |
| Greene | 1,717 | 1,793 | 1,831 | 1,949 |
| Guilford | 3,350 | 1,347 | 3,940 | 1,673 |
| Halifax | 562 | 841 | 638 | 724 |
| Harnett | 401 | 723 | 420 | 749 |
| Haworth | 555 | 403 | 716 | 505 |
| Henderson | 273 | 297 | 983 | 874 |
| Hertford | 629 | 754 | 610 | 816 |
| Hyde | 44 | 1,263 | 994 | 1,723 |
| Iredell | 229 | 57 | 166 | 554 |
| Jackson | 1,212 | 1,709 | 1,374 | 1,431 |
| Johnston | 559 | 519 | 619 | 559 |
| Jones | 1,224 | 911 | 1,270 | 944 |
| Lenoir | 1,84 | 939 | 910 | 1,045 |
| Lincoln | 246 | 540 | 130 | 655 |
| Macon | 489 | 510 | 641 | 635 |
| Martin | 1,107 | 1,116 | 1,048 | 1,035 |
| Mecklenburg | 551 | 599 | 519 | 706 |
| Melrose | 1,362 | 2,161 | 2,351 | 2,511 |
| Mitchell | 471 | 230 | 628 | 1,193 |
| Montgomery | 545 | 41 | 653 | 475 |
| Moore | 79 | 1,113 | 88 | 665 |
| Morris | 388 | 0 | 1,299 | 1,284 |
| Musgrave | 2,914 | 3,077 | 3,014 | 2,212 |
| Northampton | 1,84 | 939 | 91 | |