# FIELD, HOUSEHOLD AND WORKSHOP.

Business and Industrial Notes.

The committee to codify the State banking laws of Maine have agreed to report a bill recommending a semi-annual dividend of 24 per cent. and a reserve fund and State tax of 1 of 1 per cent. each; also that when the reserve fund amounts to 5 per cent. of the assets a special dividend may be declared.

All the stove founderies in Troy suspended work Saturday night, in accordance with the notices which were posted in the founderies last week. Work at most of the establishments will be resumed on the 4th of December. providing the molders submit to a reduction in their wages from eleven to th rteen per cent.

The 'longshoremen's strike in New Orleans last week stopped all work on the levee and a large quantity of cotton which had been hauled from cotton presses to the levee for shipment had to be taken back to the presses, causing an extra expense of drayage and

much delay. The New Orleans Times says : "The orange crop, notwithstanding the injury by drought is lower in price than they have ever been known. On the trees they sell at \$5 a thousand, and even for less."

The Charleston News of Saturday gavs: "The season has continued good for securing the cotton crop, and it many sections the bulk of the yield has been taken from the fiields."

NATIONAL DEMOCRATIC PLAT-FORM, ADOPTED AT ST. LOUIS.

JUNE. 28, 1876. We, the delegates of the Democratiparty of the United States, in national convention assembled, do hereby declarthe administration of the Federal Govern ment to be in urgent need of immediatreform; do hereby enjoin upon the nomi nees of this Convention and of the Demo cratic party in each State, a zealous effor and co-operation to this end, and do hereb appeal to our fellow-citizens of ever former political connection to undertak with us this first and most pressing patri otic duty for the Democracy of the whole country.

We do here reassirm our faith in the per manency of the Federal Union, our devotion to the Constitution of the Unite States, with its amendments, universally accepted as a final settler ent of the cortroversies that engendered the civil war and do here record our steadfast confidence in the perpetuity of republican self-gov enment; in an absolute acquiescence in the will of the majority, the vital principle of the Republic; in the supremacy of the civil over the military authority; in the t tal separation of Church and State, or the sake alike of civil and religious freed un; in the equality of all citizens before just laws of their own enactment; in the liberty of individual con luct unvexed b sumptuary laws; in the faithful education of the rising generation, that they may preserve, enjoy and transmit these best conditions of human happiness and hope. We behold the noblest products of a hundred years of changeful history; but while upholding the bond of our Union and great charter of these our rights, it behooves a free people to practice also tha eternal vigilance which is the price of

DEMOCRATIC FINANCE DEMANDED. We demand a judicious system of preparation by public economies, by official retrenchments and by wise finance, which shall enable the nation to assure the whole world of its perfect ability and perfect readiness to meet any of its promises at . the call of the creditor entitled to payment. We believe such a system well devised, and above all, entrusted to competent hands for execution, creating at no time an artificial scarcity of currency, and at no time alarming the public mind into the withdrawal of that vast machinery of credit by which 95 per cent. of all business transactions are performed-a system open, pul-He and inspiring general confidence, would, from the day of adoption, bring healing on its wings to all our harassed industry, and set in motion the wheels of commerce, manufactures and the mechanical arts; restore employmet to labor and renew, in all its national source, the prosperity of the people.

REFORM IN TAXATION. Reform is necessary in the sum and mode of Federal taxation so that capital may be set free from distrust and labor lightly burdened. We denounce the present tariff levied upon nearly five thousand articles as a masterpiece of injustice, inequality and false pretence. It yields a dwindling, not a yearly rising revenue. It has impoverished many industries to subsidize a few; it prohibits imports that might purchase the products of American labor. it has degraded American commerce fron. the first to an inferior rank upon the high seas. It has cut down the sales of Amercan manufactures at home and abroad, and depicted the return of American agr culture or industry, followed by half our people. It costs the people five times more than it produces to the treasury, obstructs the processes of production, and wastes the fruits of labor. It promotes fraud and fosters smuggling, enriches dishonest officials and bankrupts honest merchants. We demand that all customhouse taxation shall be only for revenue.

RETRENCHMENT IN EXPENSES. Reform is necessary in the scale of public expense, Federal, State and municipal out of Federal taxation has swollen from \$60,000,000, gold, in 1860, to \$450,000,000, currency, in 1870. Our aggregate taxation was from \$184,000,000, gold, in 1860, to \$730,000,000, currency, in 1870, or in one decade less than \$ per head to more than \$18 per head. Since the peace the people have paid to their tax-gatherers more tl an thrice the sum of the national debt, and more than twice that sum for the Federal Government alone. We demand a vigorous frugality in every department and from every officer of the government.

WASTE OF THE PUBLIC LANDS. Reform is necessary to put a stop to the profligate wastes of the public lands and their diversion from settlers by the party in power which has squandered two hundred millions of acres upon railroads alone, and out of more than thrice that aggregate has disposed of less than a sixth directly REV. C. T. BAILEY, Editor. to tillers of the soil.

CHRISTIAN CITIZENS AND HEATHEN CHI NESE. Reform is necessary to correct the mis takes of the Republican Congress and the errors of our treaties, and our diplomatic relations which have stripped our adopted citizens of foreign birth and kindred race recrossing the Atlantic of the shield of American citizenship, and have expessed our brethren of the Pacific coast to the incursions of a race not sprung from the same great parent stock, and, in fact, now by law denied citizenship through na uralization, as being neither accustomed to the habits of a progressive civilization, Lor

CAPE FEAR. exercised in liberty under equal laws. We denounce the policy which thus discards the liberty-loving German and tolerates the revival of the Coolie trade in Mongo lian women, imported for immoral pur poses, and Mongolian men hired to per form servile labor contracts, and demand such modification by Congress within a constitutional limitation, as shall prevent the further importation or immigration of

the Mongolian race. REPORM IS THE CAMPAIGN ISSUE. Reform is necessary, and can never be effected but by making it the controlling issue of the election, litting it above the two false issues with which the officeholding class and the party in power seek to smother it. The false issue with which they would enkindle sectarian strife in establishment and support belong exclusively to the several States, and which the Democratic party has cherished from their lishers. foundation, and resolved to maintain without partizanry or preference for any class, sect or creed, and without contributing from the Treasury to any-the false issue by which they seek to light anew the dying embers of sectional hatred between kinfred people, once unnaturally estranged, but now reunited in one indivisible Republic and a common destiny.

REPORM IN THE CIVIL SERVICE. Reform is necessary in the civil service. Experience proves that the efficient, economical conduct of the governmental busness is not possible if its civil service be subject to change at every election-be a orize fought for at the ballot-box-be a brief reward of party zeal, instead of posts of honor, assigned for proved competency and held for fidelity in the public employment. That the dispensing of patronage should neither be a tax upon the time of all our public men, nor the instrument of their ambition. Here again professions falsified in the performance, attest that the arty in power can work out no practical or salutary reform. REFORM AMONG THE HIGHEST PUBLIC

SERVANTS. Reform is necessary even more in the igher grades of public service-President, Vice-President, Judges, Senators, Repreentatives, Cabinet officers. These officers, and others in authority, are the people's ervants. Their offices are not a private perquisite; they are a public trust. When he annals of this Republic show the disrace and censure of a Vice-President; a ate Speaker of the House of Representaives marketing his rulings as a presiding officer; their friends profiting secretly by heir votes as law-makers; five chairmen of the leading committees of the late House of Representatives exposed in jobbery; a late Secretary of the Treasury forcing calances in the public accounts; a late Attorney General misappropriating public days. ands; a Secretary of the Navy enriched enriching his friends by percentages vied off the profits of contractors with his Department; an ambassador to angland censured for a dishonorable cified day of the week. peculation; the President's private secreary barely escaping conviction upon trial or guilty complicity in frauds upon the revenue; a Secretary of War impeached for high crimes and confessed misdeleanors-the demonstration is so comolete that the first step in reform must be by the people, or honest men from another party. The disease of one political organzation infests the body politic and thereby naking no change of men or party, we an get no change of measures and no

RADICALS AND RADICALISM MUST BE DRIVEN FROM POWER. All these abuses, wrongs and crimeshe product of the sixteen years ascendancy of the Republican party-create a necessity for reform, confessed by Repubicans themselves. But their reformers are voted down in convention and disaced from the Cabinet. The mass of onest voters is powerless to resist the eighty thousand office-holders—its leaders

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