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SENATOR HILL begins to think that there was some back action in that winter convention which he knew not of. - Detroit Free Press.

THE World daily piles up the press opinions and indites editorials addressed by name to Senator Hill protesting against his "Freeze-Out Convention."

"It is worse than any practice in Russia," said one of the speakers from Utah in his agreement before the House committee in favor of the bill to provide a local self government for Utah.

THE Democrats of the South, who do not know what it is to be ruled by a "boss," will hardly be so foolish as to offer their necks to the Tammany yoke, proffered them by David B. Hill. - Atlanta Journal.

THE purchase and absorption of "America," the vigorous exponent of American principles, by The Chicago Graphic, has given a further impetus to the remarkable growth which this celebrated illustrated weekly of the West has experienced.

When the Convention assembled and it is apparent that Mr. Cleveland can not be nominated then it will be wise if all his friends to a man vote for some Western man - for Vilas or Campbell or Boies, or Palmer or some true and honorable Democrat who can command the confidence and unite the whole strength of the Democracy. - Wil. Messenger.

GOVERNOR HOLT has appointed George A. Shuford, Esq., Superior court judge for the Twelfth judicial district to succeed Judge James H. Merrimon resigned. Mr. Shuford is a lawyer of strict integrity, and wide reputation for ability, industry and will adorn the bench. He is a native of Henderson county and is well known in Western North Carolina.

In a circular letter, Hon. U. S. Hall sounds a note of warning in regard to the meeting to be held in this city on Feb. 22 under the auspices of the National Farmers' Alliance. There is reason to believe that that meeting is simply one of the devices of the third party schemers, and Democratic members of the Alliance should keep their eyes fixed upon its proceedings. - Louisville Courier Journal.

NATIONAL ELECTIONS AND PRESIDENTIAL ELECTORS.

It has been said that the Constitution of the United States is the perfection of human reason, and yet no instrument has given rise to greater controversy and more acrimonious debate.

The Forum of February contains an article from the pen of Ex-Senator Edmunds on "Perils of our National Elections," and another by Hon. E. J. Phelps, on "The Choice of Presidential Electors." The subjects, if not the same, are so closely related that the ordinary reader cannot see the difference yet the treatment is as different as a physician would give to consumption and yellow fever.

This cannot be attributed to unlettered ignorance, for no lawyers stand higher in their profession than George F. Edmunds and E. J. Phelps.

Can it be that the American Constitution is a tangled skein, an inexorable mystery, a puzzle and a snare?

We have no room, if indeed we have the ability, to review these articles. All that we propose is the presentation of the contrast of eminent opinion in regard to presidential electors. The second section of the 2d, article of the Constitution declares that, "Each state shall appoint in such manner as the legislature thereof may direct, a number of electors equal to the whole

number of Senators and Representatives to which the State may be entitled in the Congress.

Mr. Edmunds says: "Both the logic of the situation and the framing of the Constitution and the equilibrate harmony of the Constitution absolutely demanded the single voice of each State in the constitution of the presidential electoral body."

"In the hundred years of presidential elections that have passed only a single exception to this has occurred. . . . At last, however, the legislature of one State, (Michigan) inspired, doubtless, with benevolent sympathy for some minorities of her people who happened to reside, chiefly, in one or two of her congressional districts, has thought it fit and competent to abdicate the single entirety of her State rights and duties in appointing her electoral College, which the Constitution required her to do herself, and to commit that duty to twelve separate divisions of her citizens, to contribute, one member each, to the electoral body. And this is to be called "an appointment" by the State. If the gains and profits of party victory can induce the legislature of a State to resort to such means of achieving it, some may begin to doubt whether written constitutions are any valuable security against the passions or ignorance or selfishness of men."

Judge Phelps ably defends the constitutionality of the Michigan law. His argument is a massive chain from which no link can be taken to give an adequate conception of the whole. It is only in its entirety that its strength can be seen. He concludes his article with this paragraph:

"It is to be hoped that unanimity of opinion on this subject will at once be reached. Established customs give way slowly. The discussion must continue, and will continue, and should be conducted with that candour and fairness, and that respect for the views of honest opponents, which alone can make it useful. When the result in Michigan and in other states in which similar legislation is probable shall have been tested by experience, it is not unreasonable to expect that it will commend itself to the general good sense of the country."


ACCORDING to the February report of the statistician of the Agricultural Department, the proportions sent from plantations are Virginia, 80; North Carolina, 82; South Carolina, 90; Georgia, 92; Florida, 92; Alabama, 91; Mississippi, 88; Louisiana, 87; Texas, 86; Arkansas, 88; Tennessee, 89; and Missouri, 88. The quality is the highest for many years. The low price of cotton and the disappointment in money returns have led to a large sale of seed to oil mills at prices somewhat reduced.

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The Century's Programme in 1892 - A New "Life of Columbus" - Articles for Farmers, etc.

THAT great American periodical, The Century, is going to outdo its own unrivaled record in its programme for 1892, and as many of its new features begin with the November number, new readers should commence with that issue. In this number are the opening chapters of

"The Naulahka," a novel by Rudyard Kipling, the famous author of "Plain Tales from the Hills," written in collaboration with an American writer, Wolcott Balestier. It is the story of a young man and a young woman from a "booming" Colorado town, who go to India, he in search of a wonderful jeweled necklace, called "the Naulahka" (from which the story takes its name), and she as a physician to women. The novel describes their remarkable adventures at the court of an Indiana maharajah. Besides this, The Century will print three other novels during the year, and a great number of short stories by the best American story-writers.

The well-known humorist Edgar W. Nye ("Bill Nye") is to write a series of amusing sketches which he calls his "autobiographies," the first one of which, "The Autobiography of a Justice of the Peace," is in November. This number also contains a valuable and suggestive article on "The Food-Supply of the Future," which every farmer should read, to be followed by a number of others of great practical value to farmers, treating especially of the relations of the Government to the farmer, what it is doing and what it should do. This series will include contributions from officers of the Department of Agriculture, and other well-known men will discuss "The Farmer's Discontent," "Cooperation," etc., etc.

A celebrated Spanish writer is to furnish a "Life of Columbus," which will be brilliantly illustrated, and the publishers of The Century have arranged with the managers of the World's Fair to print articles on the buildings, etc.

One of the novels to appear in 1892 is

A Story of New York Life by the author of "The Anglomaniacs," and the magazine will contain a great deal about the metropolis during the year, - among other things a series of illustrated articles on "The Jews in New York." In November is an illustrated description of "The Players, Club," founded by Edwin Booth, and one of the features of the splendidly illustrated Christmas (December) number is an article on "The Bowery." To get The Century send the yearly subscription price (\$4.00) to The Century Co., Union Square, New York, N. Y.

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