

POETRY.

LABOR.

Behold a gorgeous chamber hung with gold. A king lies panting through a restless night. Look by his side a crown of priceless mould.

POLITICAL.

The Columbus (O) Journal declares that Farragut is a fierce Republican, and would not be Democratic Presidential candidate.

Gen. J. Wilson Skafer has written a letter declining to be considered a candidate for nomination for Governor of Illinois.

Very impressive—the conundrum why A. J. and the evil one are so much alike. They are for an imp each.—Boston Traveller.

Hon. D. W. Rowe has been appointed Judge of the 16th Pennsylvania District by Gov. Geary.

New York City is to have a new Democratic paper, to be called the Globe, and two cents a copy.

The New York World will print for distribution a million copies of Gov. Seymour's Albany speech on Finances, and in opposition to Pendletonism.

Hon. Wm. M. Converse, of Connecticut a member of the National Democratic Committee, has announced his purpose to vote for Grant for President.

John M. Higgins, a leading Democrat of Portsmouth, O., has been tried for stuffing the ballot box last fall. The jury were out twenty minutes and returned a verdict of guilty. He will go to the penitentiary.

Some charges have been preferred against Gen. Schofield, stating that he is inclined to aid the rebels at Richmond, but Gen. Grant has deemed them unworthy of being entertained.

Chief Justice Chase is indignant at the rumors circulated which affect his integrity as a man and politician. He pronounces as false any statement that he has abandoned one of his principles.

The Democrats, after much caucusing and consulting, have finally organized a Congressional Campaign Committee. It consists of Senators Buckalew, and Doolittle and Representatives Randall, Humphry, Ross, Barnum and Trimble. Mr. Doolittle is chairman, and Connecticut is to be looked after vigorously.

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WHAT WILL PEOPLE SAY?

What will people say—in these words there lies the tyranny of the world, the whole destruction of our natural disposition, the oblique vision of our minds. These four words bear away everywhere.

A telegram from Chicago says that a large number of delegates to the Republican National Convention have already secured accommodations at the different hotels. The headquarters of the New York, Pennsylvania, Massachusetts, Connecticut, Arkansas, and Wisconsin delegations will be at the Sherman House; the headquarters of the Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Missouri, New Jersey, Ohio, Michigan, Minnesota, and the National Committee, will be at the Tremont House. The Convention promises to call forth the largest gathering ever assembled in that city.

REPUBLICAN NATIONAL NOMINATING CONVENTION.

The undersigned, constituting the National Committee designated by the Convention held at Baltimore on the 7th of June, 1864, do appoint that a National Convention of the Union Republican party be held at the City of Chicago, Ill., on Wednesday, the 20th day of May next, at 12 o'clock, m., for the purpose of nominating candidates for the offices of President and Vice President of the United States. Each State in the United States is authorized to be represented in said Convention by the number of delegates equal to twice the number of Senators and Representatives to which each State is entitled in the National Congress. We invite the co-operation of all citizens who rejoice that our great civil war has happily terminated in the discomfiture of the rebellion; who would hold fast the unity and integrity of the Republic, and maintain its paramount right to defend to the utmost its own existence, whether imperiled by secret conspiracy or armed force; of all friends of an economical administration of the public expenditure, of the complete extirpation of the principles and policy of slavery, and of the speedy reorganization of those States whose Governments were destroyed by the Rebellion, and their permanent restoration to their proper practical relations with the United States in accordance with the true principles of republican government.

A LUCKY WOMAN.

The following snake story we find in an exchange:

In speaking of snakes, I am reminded of an anecdote I once heard of the wife of an Indian railway official, who was trimming with a large knife some plants which formed a border to a flower-bed. She was cutting the tops off, and, while so engaged, she was scared by seeing the coils of one of the most deadly serpents of the country among the leaves. With a loud shriek she dropped the knife and the plants, and a man employed in the garden ran to her assistance. On hearing the cause of her alarm, he sought to kill the snake with his hoe; the creature was plainly to be seen writing about, but, although struck, it made no effort to escape or turn on its assailant. At last it lay motionless, and the gardener ventured to pick it up, when he found it was headless. To the horror of the lady, the head was discovered among the leaves which she had thrown down on seeing the snake; she had grasped it unconsciously among the tops of the plants, and with her garden knife had severed it from the body. The bite of that species of snake was usually fatal in six hours.

FACTS.—A contemporary wisely suggests that our campaign should be conducted on the basis of facts. Our political orators should bear this in mind in their efforts. They are not only stubborn things, but they are the food which the Republican party best relishes. The copperhead party can live and thrive on exaggeration, abuse, slang, and black-guardism; but with the intelligent masses such things neither convince or encourage. Republican tastes are above such things. They look for something that will serve to instruct, something they can carry home in their minds and think upon with pleasure and profit. Facts at this time constitute the logic of events. If conviction is desired, let this logic be brought into play. It will be found efficacious. What a fund of argument we shall have. The history of our whole party for the last six years has been a succession of golden facts, every one of which will bear repetition by any orator. Lead the people to think of them and weigh them, and deduce from them honest convictions, and our Republican triumph is achieved.

BENEVOLENCE.—Hers is a calm, sweet realm—hers are the green pastures and the still waters—hers the ways of pleasantness and paths of peace. The garden which she tills is the human heart, and the seed which she scatters will bear their fruits in Heaven. Hers are the pomp of science, the splendor of genius, the glitter of wealth, the might of armies. With her pale fingers she points to the annals of the past, and they all become but as chaff before the wind. Yet she stops not here. Speaks she now in tones as solemn as the midnight bell, of the nothingness of human greatness. Listen again! and ye hear her clarion voice proclaiming aloud that human virtue never dies! Appears she now with the shadow of death upon one hand, and the history of the world upon the other, to teach how painful is individual ambition, and how senseless the love of self! Look, and ye shall behold her descending upon her angel pinions of "love and charity," to gather the entire human family beneath its ample folds. Comes she now in the shape of a hoary philosopher, worn and bent with the weight of years—lo! she comes in the shape of a ministering angel, with smiles of sympathy, and tears of pity, to the abode of want and the home of death.

BUSINESS CENTRES.—The total aggregate business of the United States, for the year ending June 30, 1867, exclusive of sales of gold, stocks, securities, etc., was \$12,486,546,974. The aggregate business traffic of New York was \$3,313,618,000; of Boston \$928,173,000; of Philadelphia, \$662,097,000; of New Orleans, \$526,705,000; of Chicago, \$342,182,000; of Cincinnati, \$213,253,000.

MARCHING ON.

In the earlier stages of the war the nation would have consented to, perpetuate even slavery to save the Union. But an over-ruling Providence compelled us to fight on until the whole nation had been educated to a higher duty, and then slavery itself was cut down. Then came the question of reconstruction. Mild and magnanimous propositions were made to the South and promptly rejected, as though the same Providence which permitted Pharaoh to harden his heart that God might work out for his people a more wonderful deliverance, was leading us in the same way to that higher position in which all men are to be invested with equal rights,—put on terms of equality before the law. To this end the South treated our proposition with abuse, our magnanimity was charged as an evidence of vacillation and timidity. Until the nation at first disposed to concession and compromise found that they must humbly submit to such terms of restoration as conquered rebels might please to dictate, or make impartial justice its rule. Such is the end to which the processes of the Almighty are leading us.

The so-called "firmness" of Johnson has stimulated such a sentiment at the South as makes it essentially necessary to the settlement of the question of reconstruction, that the government of the Union should call to its aid the suffrage of all loyal citizens without regard to color or race.

The power of the nation must be felt on the side of justice and humanity—this is the way of peace. Whenever we yield to expediency, or temporize the old element of treason and rebellion, it becomes correspondingly bold and defiant, and violence is threatened and invoked against the Union and its constituted authorities.—Union.

THE USE OF NEWSPAPERS.—The newspaper can be used to advantage in schools. A teacher who has been using the newspaper as a portion of his material for the education of children, writes that the "results," so far as have been reached, are of a very satisfactory kind. The scholars manifest an interest in preparing for the exercise that is not likely to flag and die out. All the passing events and interests of the day, from the most trivial to the most profound, in our land and in all lands, are brought before the pupils' minds. And since the press, the newspaper, is the world's teacher, and is destined to remain such for all coming time, it is well, it seems to us, that children should be habituated to look at it and to learn how to regard and use it. Familiarity, therefore, with the newspaper, may be properly regarded as an important branch of every one's practical education. Certainly, the habit of observing what is in the papers from day to day, besides adding to the general intelligence, must aid, almost insensibly, perhaps, in the formation and strengthening of that most important habit of retention.

A NEAT REBUKE.—The Providence Press tells the following good story, which should convey its own moral:—

"A member of the General Assembly from a 'rural district,' who is something of a wag, came to one of the officers of the House, and with a very serious-looking countenance and subdued voice, stated that he was, both as a Representative and a man, in a serious difficulty. The Official gravely inquired the cause. The troubled member replied that he was under the necessity of being absent for three days.

"O well," replied the official, 'that's nothing, it's a common occurrence.'

"But," said the disconsolate one, 'that ain't exactly what's the matter. Ye see, I've heard that member speak every day, and a great many times a day, and I've kinder got used to it. It's as natural as hash for breakfast. I shall miss it if I go, and see here,' (taking the official by the buttonhole,) 'do you think he'll have wind enough to hold out till I come back, for I do want to hear him once more.'"

Dr. Bancroft was a Federalist of the first water, and is said to have been terribly down on the Democrats of his day, as the following story, if true, will show:

When news came of the death of President Washington the Doctor took it very hard, and seemed almost inconsolable. His friends went to comfort him, and asked what need of such grief, if the good and great man had gone to heaven—as no doubt he had—and was so much better off than to have lived longer in this troublesome world.

"Oh! it isn't the death of Washington that troubles me so," said the Doctor.

"What is it, then?" asked one of his friends.

"Oh! it is the fear that he has left the door of Paradise so wide open that some of these Democrats may get in."—Boston Com. Bulletin.

The old form of criminal indictment in Virginia ended with the words, 'to the displeasure of Almighty God, and against the peace and dignity of this Commonwealth. In 1851, a woman was indicted, tried, and sentenced to two years imprisonment for teaching a slave to read. The indictment read as follows:

"And the said—, not having the fear of God before her eyes, but moved and instigated thereto by the Devil, did teach a certain negro woman to read the Bible, to the great displeasure of Almighty God, &c. Such are the actions which are regarded as crimes under Democratic laws, in Democratic States, and by all good Democrats.

HOPE.—It is hope that controls the whole action of man. When we embark upon the rough sea of life it is hope that encourages us to battle manfully against disappointments, for we have an emotional hope of one day reaching the smooth water of life, and gliding calmly and quietly over its placid surface, and anchor "at last" safely in the harbor of blissful contentment.

It is hope that urges the Christian on his weary journey towards the pearly gates and golden streets of the "Celestial City," for well he knows that when its summit has been reached he will be rewarded for all the trials and troubles he has experienced in his pilgrimage.

None are so young but that hope is implanted in their bosom at the earliest dawn of life, and as they grow older their hopes enlarge, and they look forward to the fulfillment of their ambitious desires. What would become of the world if its inhabitants were deprived of hope? there would settle over the horizon of their lives a dark and impenetrable cloud of gloom and despondency, and they would die, as they lived, with no hope or prospect of a better world.—Waverly Magazine.

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The original draft of the Declaration of Independence contained a strong condemnation of Slavery, from the pen of Thomas Jefferson. Franklin and Adams endorsed it. The Congress, however, struck it out. Jefferson believed in negro voting; voted with negroes, and negroes voted for him. Jefferson was the father of radicalism. Franklin and Adams were embued with his spirit. But even Copperhead Democracy dare not assail them. It is afraid to show how wide is its departure from the principles of the fathers.

A Western editor remarks that he is glad to receive marriage notices, but requests that they be sent soon after the ceremony, and before the divorce is applied for. He has had several notices spoiled in this way. Another Western editor says that the editor of its rival sheet was skating recently and broke through the ice. He went in up to his ears, but the hole was not large enough to let them through. While he was waiting for some one to take him out his ears froze, and they have since been amputated, and are used for door mats.

The Daily Opinion, a Republican paper published at Atlanta, Ga., says of the new Constitution just framed by the Convention of that State:

"That Constitution is now submitted to the voters of Georgia, for their ratification, and they will as certainly ratify it as that the election will be held; not that that instrument is without defects, but that its ratification is the only means left us of restoring Georgia, to civil government, and to the rights and privileges of the Union.

A GLORIOUS RECORD.—Mr. Tucker, an English missionary in Tinnivelly, in Southern India, in twenty-one years was instrumental in rescuing 3,100 persons from heathenism and Romanism. He established sixty schools, built sixty-six church edifices, and witnessed the voluntary destruction of forty heathen temples with their idols.

The New York Herald says: "Against all drawbacks, the Republicans of New Hampshire held their ground.

They triumphed in the late election over all these obstructions in rallying under the flag of General Grant as their candidate for the next Presidency. This was, in fact, the initial fight for testing the popularity of General Grant as a Presidential candidate, and the result shows that he cannot be beaten."

MAKING UP THE LOSS.—Official reports state that, from 1860 to 1867 inclusive, the number of emigrants to this country was 1,549,000, and of passengers not immigrants 251,256; showing an increase to our population during the last eight years of three times the loss by the casualties of the war.

The Ohio Senate has passed the visible admixture bill, which requires the judges of elections to challenge the votes of persons having a visible admixture of African blood, and unless they take an oath that they have not such admixture they are to be disfranchised. Griswold moved to amend the title so that it should read "An act to prohibit the descendants of Southern Democrats from the exercise of the elective franchise, and to evade the provisions of the Constitution of Ohio," which was ruled out of order.

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