

Signs of the Times

The self preserving instincts of the people of this country are coming to the aid of the sober deductions of their judgment, in reference to the corrupt and dangerous tendencies of the party in control of the Government.

Conspicuous among the more recent political events which show restlessness and dissatisfaction with the condition of affairs, are the platform and resolutions of the Ohio Liberal Convention, at Columbus, based upon the letter of Hon. W. S. Groesbeck, copied into our columns a few days since.

THE SLAVERY OF DEBT.—Those who have always enjoyed a competency and freedom from the care and anxiety of earning their daily sustenance, can have but little appreciation of the shackles of bondage which debt forges about the unfortunate or extravagant debtor.

One of the greatest of the many evils of a debtor's existence is, that he is compelled to offer to whatever bidder his wares, intellectual or commercial, at any price offered.

advice coming from the needy physician and the popular surgeon, returns a shilling to one and a crown to the other. The late Horace Greeley never gave better advice to young men than in his terse injunction, "Never get in debt."

BRAVE WORDS FROM PENNSYLVANIA.—Mr. Samuel J. Randall, Chairman of the State Democratic Committee of Pennsylvania, has just issued an address calling a State Convention to assemble on the 27th day of this month.

THE GRANITEVILLE KILLING.—From a brother of Willie Howard, the little white boy who killed a colored youth in Graniteville, Monday, we learn that Willie was taken before a magistrate in Graniteville for a preliminary examination.

INFANCY OF KING COTTON.—In his collection of essays on "Science and Commerce, and their Influence on Manufacture," Mr. Simmons gives the following account of the first importation of raw cotton to England from the United States.

A COMING MAN, (PERHAPS)—The House of Hohenzollern is divided into two branches, one Protestant, the other Catholic. The Protestant branch rules Prussia; the Catholic branch has no principality, but is in membership with the Prussian royal family.

Hearts have they, yet pity not—Cabbages

Ohio—Oswald—A New Liberal Party Formed.

COLUMBUS, July 30. The Liberal Republican Convention met this morning, and adopted resolutions adopted by their caucus last night, to dissolve their organization as Liberal Republicans, and unite with the Allen County new departure.

Resolved, That we declare against a caucus or convention, which fails to present fit candidates for office; it is the high privilege, as well as the bounden duty, of all good citizens to withhold their votes from such candidates, and regardless of party affiliations, to support the best men presented for official position.

Resolved, That both the Republican and Democratic parties have outlived the issues in which they had their origin, and have outlived their usefulness, and a new organization of parties is demanded in the interests of the public welfare.

Resolved, That the practice of electing stockholders and officers of national banks to seats in Congress, whereby great gains of continued irredeemable paper money are secured to these institutions by the votes of interested parties, is a national scandal, which deserves the condemnation of every good citizen, and ought to be prevented by proper legislation.

Resolved, That we insist upon strict observance by the General Government of the constitutional limitations of its power, and we demand home government in all local affairs.

DISTURBANCE AT FORT MILLS—THE NEGROES DEFEY THE CIVIL AUTHORITIES.

A person from Fort Mills informs us that great excitement was caused at that place on Sunday and Monday, 20th and 21st ult., by threatening demonstrations from the negro population.

OLD TROY UNSEARCHED.—A private letter from Mrs. Francis, wife of the American Minister to Greece, conveys the first intelligence of the complete and brilliant success attending Mr. Schliemann's long continued explorations on the site of ancient Troy.

DISTRIBUTION OF THE SEXES.—In numbers, the two sexes are very nearly equal in the United States: males 19,493,565; females 19,064,808; but the distribution is not even.

A MEAN AND SACHLEGIOUS ROBBERY.—On Sunday afternoon, some vandal entered Old Christ Church, Alexandria, Va., famous as the place where Washington worshipped, and turned the furniture upside down, destroyed all the music, saturated the cloth cushions and prayer books with oil, removed the silver plate from Washington's pew, besides committing many other depredations.

FREDERICK MORRIS, of Williamsburg, N. Y., is an example for all men who have a hankering after their uncle's wives. Frederick supplanted his uncle in the affections of the latter's better half, and the guilty but loving pair escaped in company to New York, where the uncle, who was naturally indignant, found them. The wife drew a pistol and threatened suicide. In the struggle for its possession, the weapon exploded, the ball wounding the woman.

It is told of a young gentleman, whom a maiden liked, but her father didn't, that at a reasonable hour, the old gentleman retired, and the time for retiring had arrived. "I think you are correct, my dear sir," answered nineteenth century, modestly; "we have been waiting over an hour for you to put yourself in your little bed."

CITY MATTERS—Dr. Fisher's soda fountain is extensively patronized.

Mosquito serenades have become exceedingly common. Fashionable ladies wear fans like daggers, and parasols like shillalehs. Messrs. Hoffman & Albrecht have presented us with a mess of new sweet potatoes.

Mr. Joseph Newman has presented us with a basket-full of tomatoes, of the justly celebrated Trophy variety. Twenty of the vegetables weighed ten pounds. My poor dog "Schneider" has the "mauge," a skin disease, for which carbolic soap is the cure.

Judge Carpenter, at a clam bake at Rocky Point, on the 1st, responded to a toast to "South Carolina." Rocky Point is in Rhode Island, we believe; so is Providence.

DEATH OF A CHIEF OF POLICE.—By a passenger, who arrived from Newberry, yesterday, we learn that Chief of Police McMakin committed suicide about 2 o'clock on that day, by shooting himself under the right ear. He died instantly.

MAIL ARRANGEMENTS.—The Northern Express opens 6.30 and 10.30 A. M.; closes 8 A. M. and 6.30 P. M.

HARRIS CONGRESS.—Judge Cooke had before him, yesterday, under a writ of habeas corpus, Messrs. Henry Dickson, Henry Gilmore and Samuel G. Henry, Jr., charged with the murder of Isaac Barefoot, in Richland County, in 1865.

PHRENIANA.—France is getting tired of paying francine to Germany. The three leading ideas at the capital—Gab, grab and grub. The trouble with Ben Butler is that he wants to be general butler for the whole country.

THE WATER QUESTION—The Board of Health held a meeting on the 5th inst., at which the following preamble and resolutions were adopted, and the Clerk of the Board furnished Capt. J. A. Jackson, Chief of Police, with a copy of the same:

Whereas the water furnished to this city by the Columbia Water Company is extremely impure and unfit for domestic purposes, it has been declared a nuisance by this Board. The health of many of our citizens has greatly been impaired, who, from their circumstances, have been compelled to use said water.

Resolved, That Captain J. A. Jackson, Chief of Police of the City of Columbia, with the aid of his police force, be, and is hereby, directed to proceed at once to abate said nuisance, peaceably if he can, forcibly if he must, by severing the connecting pipes between the receiving reservoir of the Columbia Water Company, at the river, and the receiving reservoir at the park mill lot, in which the water from the park and elsewhere is collected; and that he is hereby ordered to place the steam mill in working order, and proceed to supply the city through the distributing reservoir with pure spring water; and if he finds his force inadequate to carry out the instructions of this Board, he is hereby authorized to employ a sufficient force to carry out said instructions of the Board.

COLUMBIA, S. C., August 6, 1873. The above resolutions of the Board of Health have been submitted to us for advice in the premises. We are clearly of opinion, that the Board of Health cannot revoke the temporary injunction of his Honor Judge Carpenter. His opinion, right or wrong, must be obeyed until it can be dissolved by due course of law.

HOTEL ARRIVALS, August 6.—Wheeler House—R. M. Chatterton, Md.; A. Pope, J. H. Hill, N. C.; J. W. Mathews, Ala.; T. W. Long, S. C.; J. M. W. Bissell, Camden; J. L. Wilson, D. C.; J. D. Charles, Williamston; H. E. Adams, U. S. A.; S. G. Garner, Richland; T. A. Jeffers, Grove-wood; D. E. Gownell, Md.; D. Ultram, Ala.

NEUROUS DEBILITY.—A DEPRESSED, IRRITABLE STATE OF MIND; WEAK, NERVOUS, EXHAUSTED FEELING; NO ENERGY OR ANIMATION; CONFUSED HEAD, WEAK MEMORY, OFTEN WITH DEBILITATING, INVOLUNTARY DISCHARGES. The consequence of excesses, mental overwork or indiscretions. This NEUROUS DEBILITY finds a SOVEREIGN CURE in HUMPHREYS' HOMEOPATHIC SPECIFIC, No. 28.

Particularly to those who have used lead and sulphur preparations heretofore, is Natans' Crystal Discovery recommended for restoring, cleansing, beautifying the hair with none of the objections. No poisons, no stains, no sediments, hence no shaking when used. Sold by druggists. For sale by C. H. Miel.