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PROCEEDINGS OF CONGRESS.

In the Senate the 13th, the credentials of Mr. Kenna, Senator elect from West Virginia, were presented and filed. Mr. Blair presented several petitions of citizens of Virginia, North Carolina and South Carolina for national aid to common schools. After transacting other unimportant business the Senate took up the tariff bill. The Senate after being in conference session for eleven hours adjourned. In the House a large number of bills were introduced. Mr. Holman introduced a joint resolution directing the Secretary of War to issue no more patents to lands in any land grant roads until further action of Congress. A bill was reported granting \$50 per month to the grand-daughter of Thomas Jefferson. The House then resumed consideration of the tariff bill which was under discussion until adjournment.

In the Senate the 13th, the tariff bill was resumed, the sugar schedule being under consideration. Mr. Bayard's amendment making the duty on sugar seventy-five degrees by the polariscope \$1.40 per 100 pounds, adding four cents per 100 pounds for every additional degree until No. 15, the duty standard is reached, which would be equivalent to about 40 per cent ad valorem, was adopted, 45 to 16. Mr. Morrill's amendment, No. 16, fixing the duty on sugars above No. 16 and in the tariff bill was then taken up, during the debate upon which an angry passage of words was indulged in between Haskell, of Kansas, and Townsend, of Illinois. The House finally disposed of the tariff bill and adjourned.

In the Senate the 14th, Mr. Blair introduced a bill to prohibit the employment or performance of labor by convicts or persons restrained of their liberty upon works or property of the United States, and the expenditure of any money of the United States on such labor. Mr. Van Wyck introduced a resolution that the Secretary of the Treasury be directed to furnish to the Senate copies of vouchers and items audited by the First Auditor of the Treasury on account of expenses incurred by the Department of Justice since the year 1882, with the names of special attorneys employed by the Department of Justice, and by whom authorized, and the amount of their accounts and of special or assistant attorneys. The Senate resumed consideration of the tariff bill. After the reading of the bill the House went into Committee of the Whole on the tariff bill, consideration of which was continued until the completion of the bill was reported without making any changes, when the House took a recess until evening, when the Legislative branch of the bill was reported.

In the Senate the 15th, Mr. Cockrell presented several petitions of Grangers in Missouri for the creation of the office of Secretary of Agriculture. Mr. Morrill presented a remonstrance against the proposed reduction of books below 25 per cent, signed by Oliver Wendell Holmes, S. B. Aldrich and John G. White, Jr., as well as other prominent names. The Senate resumed consideration of the tariff bill. All reserved paragraphs having been disposed of, the bill was reported with amendments generally. In the House, Mr. Williams, of Wisconsin, submitted a conference report on the tariff bill, and a bill to the effect that the bill as agreed to in conference is to return to Japan the original sum received from the sale of the territory of the Wyoming, and taking \$100,000 and cancel all bonds issued on the territory of Idaho and Utah. Agreed to: 132 to 27. The House then went into Committee of the Whole on the tariff bill, consideration of the schedule of sugar was entered upon.

In the Senate the 16th, the conference report on the Japanese indemnity bill was presented and, after discussion, agreed to. The tariff bill was then discussed until adjournment. The House in the Committee of the Whole considered the Legislative Appropriation bill. Mr. Cannon, under instructions from the Appropriation Committee, offered an amendment requesting all clerks and other employes in the Executive Department to work from 9 a. m. to 5 p. m. from the first of October, 1882, to the first of October, 1883. The number of clerks to be reduced to 82. The bill was then passed. The remainder of the day's session was devoted to the tariff bill. At the close of the session the House considered the bill for the allowance of certain claims known as "Fourth of July Claims," reported by the committee of the House of the Treasury Department. The bill appropriates \$28,000. The bill passed.

WASHINGTON NOTES.
The Secretary of the Interior transmitted to Congress a request for the appropriation of \$348,000 to supply with oxen and cows 2,680 head of the Sioux Indians, who had gone to farming at various agencies in accordance with the stipulations of the Sioux treaty of 1868.

In the Star Route trials at Washington, on the 15th, Rendell, one of the defendants, created a sensation in court by rising and announcing that he wished to make a statement in his own behalf, and that he had determined to abandon any further defense in the case. He would put himself upon the mercy of the court, and if destroyed by counsel for the Government, he would testify as to all the facts in his knowledge. He then withdrew his plea of not guilty and pleaded guilty.

Rendell, who withdrew his plea of not guilty and entered one of guilty in the Star Route trials, was put upon the stand and gave a history of the manner in which the mail service was expedited and pay increased. His testimony created a sensation.

The House Committee on Foreign Affairs authorized a joint resolution to give notice of the termination of the "fisheries articles" of the treaty of Washington, and the Senate Committee on Foreign Relations agreed to recommend a ratification of the Mexican reciprocity treaty.

In a late Executive Session of the Senate Mr. Edmunds called attention to the alleged abuse of privileges of the floor of the Senate by lobbyists and others, who, through the indulgence of Senators, had been in the habit of obtaining cards of admission, ostensibly as Secretaries. With a view to correcting the evil Mr. Edmunds introduced a resolution that no person be admitted to the floor as a private Secretary by a Senator, until the Senator appointing him shall certify in writing to the Sergeant-at-Arms that he is actually employed for the performance of the duties of such Secretary.

The Department of Agriculture reports the present cotton crop at over 8,000,000 bales, distributed in thousand bales as follows: Virginia, 24; North Carolina, 432; South Carolina, 119; Georgia, 520; Florida, 61; Alabama, 784; Mississippi, 1,042; Louisiana, 530; Texas, 1,331; Arkansas, 687; Tennessee, 357; Missouri, 200; other territory, 22.

It is reported that there will be no further action by the House Military Committee this session on the Grant Retirement bill. The House Military Committee agreed to report favorably the bill to grant the Chesapeake and Ohio Railroad Company the right to extend its line through the Government reservation at Fortress Monroe.

Washington dispatches say there is bad feeling existing between Haskell, of Kansas, and Townsend, of Illinois, growing out of the recent angry passage between the two in the House, and that a hostile meeting is not improbable.

THE EAST.
By the explosion of gasoline in Blaisdell & Co.'s knitting mills near Amsterdam, N. Y., lately the building was wrecked and fired. Keegan, the watchman, crawled out with terrible burns about his head and arms. Four sets of machinery and a large amount of stock were destroyed. Loss estimated at \$50,000; insured for \$33,500.

Ex-Governor Edwin D. Morgan, of New York, died on the 14th, aged seventy-two years. The city of Hartford, Conn., was draped in mourning on the 14th, and business generally suspended during the obsequies of the late ex-Governor Marshall Jewell. Many prominent persons attended.

An Altoona, Pa., special says: Jno. S. McDowell, treasurer of the Young Men's Christian Association and a prominent merchant, has absconded with \$400 of the Association money and between \$31,000 and \$40,000 belonging to parties dealing with him in the commission business.

At Pittsburg, Pa., a Swede named Hanson, in a fit of jealousy, shot a young girl named Calum in the cheek and then started for the river, where he was found lying on his back dead about an hour later with a bullet in his left side.

A fire at Providence, Rhode Island, damaged the mill of the Providence Worsted Company \$75,000; insured for \$39,000.

THE WEST.
Frank James has been taken to Davies County, Mo., where he stands indicted for the murder of Capt. John Sheets while attempting to rob the Gallatin bank on the 7th of December, 1879.

Jacob Vincent, a prosperous farmer, was found dead in the woods a few days since, four miles from his home, at Campbell, Dunklin County, Mo. The body showed that deceased had been shot from his horse, then brained with the breach of a rifle. The theory is that Vincent was murdered for his money. A warrant was issued for the arrest of James Vincent, cousin of the deceased, and his step-in-law.

The passenger train that left Kansas City on the 13th, over the Washburn road was reported to have been wrecked at Foristell, fifty miles west of St. Louis. The engineer and fireman were both reported killed outright and the express messenger badly bruised about the head. The passengers were considerably bruised, but none were seriously injured.

Young Ballard, who robbed his sick and helpless father a few weeks ago near Des Moines, Iowa, when arrested, disclosed the fact that there is a large and well organized gang of robbers engaged in all kinds of out-laws in the Northwest.

The Indiana Legislature appropriated \$40,000 for the Lawrenceburg flood sufferers. The Indianapolis Board of Trade reported subscriptions to the amount of \$15,000 for the same object.

The passenger train going west on the Grand Trunk Railroad was wrecked by a broken rail a few days since near Flint, Mich. Mrs. Hilda Lehman, aged seventy-four, was killed instantly. Her daughter, Mrs. Hill, was injured badly and became insane. Thos. Lindsey was injured badly in the chest. Wm. Maynes, of Waterloo, was slightly injured in the head. Mr. Chester Miller of St. Allan, Ont., had his horse broken and was otherwise badly hurt. Some ten or twelve others were injured.

Lem Harbaugh, at Omaha, "just for fun" pointed a gun at some school children when the piece was discharged wounding three of the children. He was jailed.

The business failures the past week were 254, against 273 last week, the reduction being 21. They are distributed as follows: New England States, 19; Western, 90; Southern, 54; Middle, 48; Pacific States and Territories, 9; New York City, 7; Canada, 17.

Isaac Knapp, of Fremont, O., a life prisoner, pardoned by the Governor, was re-arrested January 22, on the ground that his pardon was secured by fraud. Habeas corpus proceedings were instituted. The Supreme Court decided that habeas corpus could not inquire into the validity of the pardon, and the prisoner was discharged. Judges White and McEwen dissenting. It is the first case of the kind in Ohio.

The latest advices from the Indian Territory say that the previous announcement that General Porter, commander of the Constitutional party, had left Okmulgee with 400 men for the camp of Spieche, was premature. He has not yet taken the field. United States Agent Tufts has notified Cheate that if he does not comply with the law within a given time, he will report him to the Interior Department as a rebel against the Creek Nation. Cheate and Spieche have had a conference, but no settlement of the difficulties between the factions was effected.

Large quantities of hay have been shipped over the Union Pacific for feeding cattle herds upon the Platte Valley ranges and those in Western Wyoming, where the grass is snowed under.

At Milton, Ind., the flood submerged every house but one, and a great many persons were sick.

In one day the Relief Committee of the Chicago Board of Trade collected \$6,000 for the relief of Ohio flood sufferers. New Orleans sent \$16,000.

A German named Kuhlmyer killed himself as Schell City, Mo., recently.

In addition to the \$40,000 already appropriated, the Indiana House passed a bill appropriating \$100,000 for the relief of sufferers from the floods.

The floods at New Albany, Ind., made about 8,000 people homeless. The loss was estimated at over \$1,000,000.

At Bridgeport, near Joliet, Ill., the four mines of the Diamond Mine Co., where 300 miners were at work, were the scene of a terrible disaster recently. The ground sagged under the weight of water that had saturated and loosened it. Sixty-two men were in one shaft, which caught the bulk of falling debris and which was instantly flooded. Every one of them was either drowned or smothered inside of five minutes. The bodies were beneath many tons of earth.

The January official return of Michigan crops indicate that all kinds of cattle are in fine condition in the State. Most of the correspondents express the fear that wheat has been injured by freezing and thawing or has been smothered by late snows.

An express train which recently left Cleveland over the Cleveland and Columbus road was wrecked one mile north of Gallon, Ohio, on account of the heavy rains. The baggage and express cars, the smoker, two coaches and the parlor car were derailed. Robert Odell, a draughtsman, Rev. D. F. Forts, of Shelby, and an unidentified man, were killed. Conductor John Daykin was badly injured in the hand and injured on the side. E. E. Poppleton, attorney of the railway company, was injured about the head and arms, and the news agent, named Hammer, had an arm broken.

THE SOUTH.
The Arkansas State at Little Rock was fifteen feet above low water mark on the 14th, and was still rising rapidly. The Ouachita and other rivers were also rising, and fears were felt in the bottoms of another disastrous overflow.

A frightful accident occurred at the Mango Iron Works in Wheeling recently. While the machinery was running at full speed the belt on an engine broke, causing a high rate of speed in the grinding department, when seven large stones exploded with terrific force, passing through the roof and doing great damage. One of the fragments struck Captain James Prentiss, killing him instantly, and injuring Wm. Hill.

During the recent flood in the Ohio River, the people of Louisville, Ky., suffered severely. The water was higher than ever before known. A number of lives were lost and the destruction of property great. The water reached to the second story of buildings in the flooded portion of the city, and in the center of the city, one hundred families living in the most substantial two-story houses not removed, were furnished supplies by a boat kept constantly running under the direction of the Mayor and the Relief Committee. They refused to leave their homes because thieves plundered in every direction at every favorable opportunity. The police patrolled the district in boats.

At a recent meeting of stockmen at Austin, Texas, several large contracts for cattle were entered into by cattle men at \$10 for yearlings and \$20 for two-year-olds, delivered at Dodge City, Kas. The contracts, it is reported, cover at least 50,000 head.

Contracts for the buildings for the Cotton Exposition at Louisville, Ky., have been awarded. The total cost of the building, which is to be 620,000 feet, covering thirteen acres, will be about \$175,000. It will be ready for exhibits during June and July. The exhibition will open August 1, continuing one hundred days.

At the late special election in the Sixth Louisiana district, E. K. Lewis, Democrat, was elected to Congress in place of General Heron, deceased.

S. D. Houston, tax collector of Lawrence County, Ala., was recently stopped on the highway and robbed of his horse and \$3,300 in money.

The Arkansas Senate passed a bill prohibiting the sale of intoxicants within three miles of any church or school house upon petition of the people of the locality.

THE LATEST.
The Senate further debated the tariff bill the 17th. The House also took up the tariff bill, but consumed most of the time in discussing a point of order.

The District of Columbia Appropriation bill as reported provides for an aggregate appropriation of \$3,270,000. The aggregate of the bill is \$1,150,000 less than the bill last year.

Colonel J. Ross Green, one of the most prominent and wealthy citizens of Pennsylvania died recently in New York a raving maniac, caused by the tragic death of his wife a few weeks ago, who committed suicide by pouring oil over herself and setting it on fire. He witnessed her terrible death and vainly tried to save her.

The total number of miners killed by the recent caving in of the Diamond Mining Company's mine, near Joliet, Ill., was seventy-four. The pit has been operated about two years and 200 to 400 men and boys have been regularly employed in it. On the morning of the accident 250 or 300 went in, and those who escaped did so by a miracle. One woman lost her husband and three sons, and the stock caught her to become insane.

One evening last week a train on the Washburn Railroad met a washout near Springfield, Ill., and was obliged to transfer the passengers. The empty train was then reversed and started back. Near Jacksonville, the chair car in front of the sleeper caught fire. The train crew did not discover the fire until the entire chair car was in flames; the train was stopped and an attempt was made to cut the sleeper "Russia" loose, but the heat was too great, and no one could reach the couplings. The loss of the chair car and sleeper will amount to about \$30,000.

The remains of the late Governor Morgan were interred in Cedar Hill Cemetery, at Hartford, Conn. A special train conveyed a large number of citizens from New York to Hartford.

Reports from various parts of New York showed that the rivers were rising. Several bridges and dams had been swept away. Trains were delayed and the losses heavy.

OF GENERAL INTEREST.

Liberty Enlightening the World will set her torch ablaze on Bedloe's Island, in New York harbor, November 25, the centennial anniversary of the evacuation.

Part of the religion of the Hindus is to be kind to animals. They carry this into such practical operation that they erect hospitals for sick and homeless brutes.

We heard an old gentleman remark a few days ago that he would give \$1,000 for a ginger-cake that would taste to him as they did when he was a boy.—*Thomasville (Ga.) Times.*

Mohr & Mohr, Cincinnati whisky dealers, have failed for \$150,000. They sold so much on credit that their assets became less and less until suspension was necessary.—*Detroit Post.*

Philology shows that the word "honeymoon" has nothing to do with honey, but is derived from an Icelandic word, meaning a wedded pair. The ceremony may now proceed.—*N. Y. Post.*

Monterey, Mex., is to have street cars. We do not see what they want of street cars. If a Mexican had a mile to go he would walk three miles the other way to catch a mustang and saddle it and ride to his destination.—*N. Y. Graphic.*

The people of Burslem, England were pleasantly excited one evening recently by the town crier who had been sent around by a chemist to cry that he (the chemist) had sold poison instead of magnesia to some person unknown.

In a Pennsylvania depot a young lady, whose bangs had become somewhat out of place, borrowed a clay pipe from her young man, heated her steam, and passed on through in presentable condition. And yet there were those who aver that woman has no inventive faculty!—*Philadelphia Press.*

The amenities existing between religious sects had notable illustration at the burial of the unrecognized victims of the Milwaukee fire. Of these, twenty-three bodies were awarded to the Protestants and twenty to the Catholics, and nobody will ever know how many Protestants received absolution or how many Catholics were deprived of the same.—*Chicago Journal.*

A Connecticut newspaper in discussing the question of extended postal delivery by carriers in the country, which is attracting a good deal of attention in New England, says: "It is certainly better and more practicable for a milkman to serve his customers every day at their houses than for each customer, every day to go to the house of the milkman, and we want our mails as much as we want our milk."

A Chinese correspondent to the *Troy, N. Y., Times*, says he saw the following advertisement in a shop window at Canton: "Black cats served at all hours; also snakes, rats and dogs." If the correspondent has mastered the Chinese language and can prove that he never told a lie, here is confirmation of the picture in our early geography of a Celestial selling rats and puppies for pies.—*Boston Post.*

Charles Reade has been giving his ideas of the music in theatres, which he describes as "the tune the old cow died to." The really old polka, he says, are not music at all, but mere rhythmic beats for the feet; so he will none of them, but demands such ditties as "British Grenadiers" and others which our grandfathers' cows heard, though whether they died or lived in consequence does not clearly appear.

The late Major Edwin North, of Philadelphia, bequeathed by his will \$5,000 to the Home for Aged and Indigent Odd-fellows in that city, and equal sums for the Old Man's Home and Pennsylvania Working Home for Blind Men; also \$2,000 each to the Methodist Home for the Aged and the Infirm and the Philadelphia Merchants' Fund Association. This seems to be charity worthily bestowed.—*N. Y. Examiner.*

Among the many amazing things told by Professor Langley about the sun is that if a bed of coal of the size of the State of Pennsylvania, and ten feet thick, were suddenly snored into the sun, it would be used up in keeping up the present energy of the sun for just one hundredth part of a second. Another of his illustrations is his estimate that the rainfall on Manhattan Island for three months, loaded as ice, would fill a train extending from Jersey City to San Francisco.—*N. Y. Times.*

The statistics lately published by the *Journal Officiel* concerning the number of foreigners in France are interesting. When the last census was taken, in 1881, the population amounted to 37,405,000 souls, which number, compared with the population of the country in 1876, shows an increase of about 500,000 souls. Of this increase 200,000 are foreigners. The total number of foreigners is now three per cent. of the whole population, but in some departments the proportion of foreigners is much larger, reaching in some seven and eight per cent. of the inhabitants.

Mr. William H. Case, now of Johnsville, enlisted in the One Hundred and Forty-ninth New York Volunteers in April, 1864, when but twelve years and nine months old, and served in Gen. Sherman's army through the rest of the war. Recently he got a letter from the good-natured General, in which he says it would take too much time and labor to test his claim to have been the youngest enlisted soldier, but adds: "I am willing to concede to you your claim, though we have in the regular Army cases of soldiers born in the Army who have been in it all their lives, existing as soon as possible, as, for instance, the two Clarks, of the Twenty-second Infantry. Still I am glad to see that you feel a just pride in such a claim of youthful action."—*N. Y. Herald.*

A Southern View of Mr. Seymour's Letter.

Referring to the recent remarkable letter of Horatio Seymour in the *North American Review* the Columbus (Ga.) *Enterprise* says:

Mr. Seymour occupies much the same line of thought as that so forcibly presented in a speech made in this city by Governor Stephens during the gubernatorial campaign, and one which had greater effect in enlightening the people as to the true condition of the Republican party than anything else during the entire campaign. Both of these distinguished gentlemen hold that it is unreasonable to expect an appreciation and defense of the Constitutional bulwarks of local self-government and State rights from the Republican party, which for twenty years has done its utmost to discredit and abolish them. These views are shared by those Republicans who felt themselves constrained last November to break away from the party organization which resulted in such an overwhelming victory for the Democracy. They had become at last convinced by long and sore experience that they were powerless to check within the ranks of their own party the inveterate propensity to usurp and concentrate in the hands of Federal authorities all the important functions of government. They were powerless because party precedents, traditions, and the insatiable lust of power, but was boldly justified on abstract grounds by men of unimpaired private character and a sincere though misguided patriotism. The most distinguished spokesmen and authoritative organs of Republican opinion had not scrupled to vindicate the continual encroachments of the centralizing spirit on the score of adaptation to the magnified and complicated interests of the country. The assertion that we had outgrown the Constitution was made so frequently and frankly, and in quarters where sound judgment would naturally be looked for, that many foreign observers have supposed it to express the deliberate verdict of the American people. Even such a careful student of political institutions as Mr. Herbert Spencer was misled by statements which he presumed to be the outcome of ripened experience, and from which he drew the inference that our written Constitution was a cramping and obstructive, not a bracing and elastic scheme of government; that it was the work of theorists, and did not grow out of the character and condition of the people living under it. In other words, Mr. Spencer accepted the view of our organic law which has been more or less distinctly propounded and persistently applied in practice by the Republican party since it acquired control of the Federal Administration.

Mr. Seymour demonstrates with admirable facility and to us that this concept of the Constitution is historically untrue and philosophically fallacious. He has done well to remind the people of the country that the only theoretical feature of the Constitution—the only feature that canammel the evolution of our energies and resources—is the bestowal of powers on the Central Government which have been subjected to a constant widening construction. That theoretical element in our organic law has been pushed to a point which endangers the inestimable habits of self-reliance, self-support and self-control. The time has come to fix attention on the great political fact recognized and buttressed by the Constitution, the fact of township, county and State ability to manage their respective affairs.

In Good Time.
Hon. Horatio Seymour was in good time with his wise commentary upon the work of the Republican party for the last eighteen years, and the centralizing ideas which that political organization had carried to such an extreme. We have steadily maintained that the Democracy is the party of the Constitution, and that the fundamental law of the land has been ignored by the Republican party in its no prominent legislation whenever it found the Constitution opposed to its purposes. The reverence for the Constitution that is necessary to pure and stable government, was in a state of suspension during the war. Perhaps such a condition of affairs, though lamentable, was pardonable under the impulses and exigencies of the great conflict, but as soon as peace was declared, the Constitution should again have been taken up as the compass, from whose indications there could be no safe deviation. But we know that an entirely contrary course was pursued. The Constitution was left stranded even where the demoralization of war had left it. The fresh Amendments fared no better than the original articles, though it would seem as if the dominant party should at least have been able to make its legislation conform to the Amendments which it was largely instrumental in securing. But even the Supreme Court, whose partisan bias, if it has any, must be strongly Republican, declares that one of the most conspicuous acts of Republican legislation conforms to no article, Amendment or principle, to be found in the Constitution. The decision of this court, avering to the constitutionality of section 5, 19 of the Revised Statutes, makes persecution of all that has been done under that statute, and so far as the General Government has inflicted penalties, it has done so with a little valid authority as a gang of Colorado lynchers have when they take a man away from his legally constituted jailer, and hang him from the nearest tree. Mr. Seymour explained the result of the recent elections as due, in no small degree to the disgust of the better element in the Republican party with the corruption for which that party was responsible, and which had grown to such startling proportions through the

How Republicans Treat the South.

In yesterday's issue we commented upon that sectional unfriendliness which manifests itself in prejudicing the Southern States in the eyes of the world to an extent which seriously interferes with the immigration for many reasons so desirable. This unfriendliness—which it is hardly necessary to say is almost exclusively confined to the Republican party—shows itself in other ways quite as inexcusable, if not equally injurious. It is especially noticeable in Congress and in the more pronounced journalistic representatives of the party.

If a Southern Democrat asks an appropriation for any public work in his section, however necessary, it is, in nine cases out of ten, opposed by his Republican colleagues, ostensibly because it is not of National importance, but really because it will benefit the South more than the North. The improvement of the Mississippi is a notable instance. Most, if not all, the opposition it has received has been due to this cause and no other. If the Mississippi ran from Maine through New England, New York, Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, and emptied into the Gulf some where in Iowa or still farther West, it would have been improved to the utmost of human ability long ago. As many millions would have been voted as the work required, and every Republican paper in the land would have encouraged and indorsed Congressional action. But as the great river happens to run from North to South, and the South is perhaps more directly interested in its good navigable condition than the North, whatever Republicans in Congress do for it is done grudgingly, and in the face of sharp criticism from the majority of their party organs. What is true of the Mississippi is true of all enterprises in the South for which Government aid is asked. Republican opposition in and out of Congress could be stronger or more persistent if the South were a foreign country separated from the North by impassable mountains or an unknown ocean.

Now this apparently firmly established feature of Republican policy is not merely ungenerous, but ridiculous and suicidal. It is an illustration of "biting your nose off to spite your face." Northern Republicans lose sight altogether of what ought to be and is a sufficiently self-evident fact, that any aid to the Southern section must of necessity benefit the Northern. There is no help for or escape from that, even if it were desired there should be; and, on the other hand, whatever retards Southern growth and prosperity inflicts more or less injury upon the North. When the South was under the heel of carpetbaggers, its energies crippled and its credit well nigh destroyed, every business community in the North was more or less affected, and when the South was released from carpet-bag rule and began the task of financial and commercial reconstruction, what business community in the North did not have reason to rejoice? It is certainly time that the blood and gold of a four years' war did not, after all, restore the Union, let proclamation be made to that effect, and the people govern themselves accordingly. If the Union is restored, if South and North are one country and not two, let Republicans treat the South accordingly.—*St. Louis Republican.*

In Extremis.
The Republican party was founded upon the purpose to abolish slavery—deemed "a great moral purpo-e." This end achieved, its existence and action has been based on an immoral purpose. It has lived only to retain supremacy by immoral practices. As Napoleon and the Caesars, converted republics into despotisms or empires, even so the Government of the United States, as shaped by Republican statecraft and selfish greed for office and power, was becoming a centralized imperialism, or, worse, a despicable plutocracy. The reluctant tide of popular love of pure American freedom, and of local and personal independence, at length sweeps away all obstructions, and the party of "grand moral purposes," having proven the party of grandest immoral practices, the end has come and the domination of consolidators is no more. Seeing that annihilation is inevitable, they are infinitely grateful that half of less than half they hold by fraud and theft is left to them by the Civil-Service Reform act.—*American Register.*

New England contributes nothing to the history of horrible accidents this year. But there's no use talking this to the spinster lady whose cat was run over by an ice cart.—*Boston Post.*

The Chase County Court.

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Washington's birth day.

Enos Harris, of Wichita, a man of fine legal ability, has been appointed Judge of the new 18th Judicial District.

Pig-Iron Kelley is hounding the life out of nearly everybody in Washington trying to make friends for his scheme to keep up the tariff and cut down internal revenue. The brass on Kelley's brow is not less conspicuous than the pig-iron interests in his heart.

Ordinance No. 125, relating to misdemeanors, which passed the Council the 10th instant, and about which last week's Leader has a long editorial, does not say a word about a man's wrapping a bar of iron in a paper and then hitting another man on the head with it. This was, undoubtedly, an oversight on the part of the Council.

The Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe Railroad announce that on and after February 1st all passengers holding third class or emigrant tickets to Pueblo or any points through to Pueblo, will be carried on first class trains, but in the smoking cars. This, however, does not apply to emigrants tickets to points on that line south of La Junta, nor to Atlantic & Pacific or Southern Pacific points. Passengers holding such tickets will be carried on emigrant trains only. This order relates to Colorado business exclusively.

Mr. C. K. Ford, General Passenger Agent of the Baltimore and Ohio railroad, has our thanks for a copy of the "Red Book" for 1883, How It Was Done. While the "B. & O. Red Book" is an advertisement for that railroad, the little pamphlet contains much valuable information of a political nature. It tells of the political revolution, last year, in the States of Ohio, New York, Pennsylvania, Massachusetts, Kansas, Indiana, Connecticut, Colorado, California, Michigan and Wisconsin. The typography of the book is excellent, and the data is from the best of authority. The book will be sent free to any address, on application to C. K. Ford, General Passenger Agent, Baltimore, Md.

An exchange says: "It was the saying of an old acquaintance, when his attention was called to anything that had a smacking or scandle in it, 'I have so much to do that I can not hear it. One half of my time is taken up with letting alone the affairs of my neighbors.' How many excellent opportunities of letting alone other people's business are alighted? How the world is troubled with the interference of people with what does not concern them? Neighborhoods are driven crazy by the reports of idle or mischievous people who watch for occasions of scandal, and lose no opportunity of making them public, regardless of truth. Gossip passes for facts, and surmise for history, and the nimble runs many a league while truth is putting on its boots.

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IN MEMORIAM. At a regular meeting of Falls Lodge No. 747 K. of H. the following preamble and resolutions were unanimously adopted:

WHEREAS, It has pleased the Supreme Ruler of the universe in His wise dispensation of His providence to remove by death our worthy and beloved brother, J. P. Caldwell, thereby severing another link in the fraternal chain which binds us together; therefore,

Resolved, That, in the death of Brother Caldwell, the fraternity has lost one of its most worthy members, the community at large an honest and upright man; and while we mourn his loss, we will cherish with undying memory the many virtues which adorned his life.

Resolved, That we tender to the afflicted relatives of our deceased brother our earnest sympathy, and condole with them in this sad bereavement.

Resolved, That these resolutions be spread on the records of this Lodge, and a copy transmitted to the family of our deceased brother, and the same be published in the county papers, and that the Lodge be draped in mourning during the usual time. J. M. TUTTLE, J. P. KULL, H. P. BROCKETT, Committee.

LINES ON THE DEATH OF JOHN P. CALDWELL.

Another man has passed away, To that unknown world beyond the grave; The hand of science failed to stay Death's cold, relentless, cruel wave.

A man; yes, more than this, by far; A friend in every hour of need; No cry of suffering reached his ear His noble heart refused to heed.

A son who cherished fond, through life, The memory of his parents dear; And longed when in his last sad strife To have them fondly hovering near.

A father who ruled by love alone The little ones whom God had given, Who strove to make their earthly home For them, in truth, an earthly heaven.

A husband whose vows were never broken, Who, when amidst the darkest clouds of life,

Left no act undone, no word unspoken To shield or cheer his loving wife.

Yes, man, friend, father, son, Neighbor, husband, all in one, You've gone and left us all behind; Yet you'll ever live within our mind; And in our hearts will ever dwell Kind thoughts of you, noble John P. Caldwell. J. W. S.

SCHOOL REPORT.

ELSIE, KANSAS, February 14th, 1883.

EDITOR OF COURANT: Please to publish the following school report, and oblige,

Table with columns: Pupils, Schol. Dept., Attend. Lists names like Eugene Balch, Fred Collett, Carrie Balch, Homer Dart, Lizzie Collett, Dolphus Harrison, Edith Dirmfield, Belle Harter, Carrie Collett, Otto Dirmfield, Frank Collett, Flora Balmer, Walter Henry, Millie Henry, Ollie Harper, Hugh Schulze, Dollie Harrison, Conway Johnson, Daisy Dirmfield, Frank Henry, Alex. Henry, George Harrison, Lena Koegebohn, Ida Henry, Mary Robinson, Emma Robinson, Charles Hunnewell, William Sims, Robert Hood, Alfred Harrison, Louis Frey, Ena Harrison, Alex. Risher, Asa Harsh, Clotice Harsh, John Badger, Dennis Hunnewell, Katie Koegebohn, Jennie Palmer, Emma Harrison, Stella Hood.

The following names are also on the Roll of Honor: Ollie Harper, Belle Harter, Millie Henry, Walter Henry, Gtto Dirmfield, Edith Dirmfield, Flora Balmer, Lizzie Collett, Kittie Collett, Fred Collett, Frank Collett, Dolphus Harrison, Homer Dart, Carrie Balch, Eugene Balch.

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