

The Chase County Courant.

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The "boom" has already caused an advance of 33 per cent. in the price of the white paper consumed by newspaper publishers.

We hope the only financial fight in Congress this winter will be between Mr. Hayes and the members of his own party. Of this there is a most encouraging prospect.

The Chicago Newspaper Union, a monthly paper, neatly printed, and filled with excellent reading matter, comes to us regularly. It makes a good "patent outside."

The name of Seymour is still a spell of enchantment in New York. Horatio Seymour, Jr., the son of the ex-Governor, is the only Democrat elected on the State ticket.

The Charleston News and Courier points with pride to the fact that crime in South Carolina has diminished at least one-third since the State came under Democratic rule.

Messrs. Mead & Presbrey having purchased the McPherson Independent of Mr. Geo. W. McClintick, they have changed the name to the Republican, and are getting out a very neat and newsy paper.

Gen. Robert Tombs, a somewhat noted Southern fire-eater, has come out in favor of Gen. Grant for a third term. There appears to be something of a regular stampede in favor of Grant among the ex-Confederates; and why not?

The Willimantic (Conn.) Enterprise has changed its name to the Chronicle; and has been changed from a four to an eight page paper. It is a very newsy and readable paper; and we are pleased to note this sign of its prosperity.

The Chase County Courant, Gov. St. John, and others who send mail to the Newbury Gazette, would confer a great favor by sending us a copy of that journal.—Wabausee County Herald.

Certainly! we take great pleasure in doing so; but whether Gov. St. John and the others will comply with the request we have our doubts, as they do not all take the Courant.

The New York Herald says: "Indiana is so strongly Democratic as to be pretty safe." We have not heard of any Republican claim in Indiana.—Courant.

But we have; and so would you, if you kept posted as you ought.—Peabody Gazette.

We did not think of you when we spoke; and we are really glad you spoke, or we should never have been posted on this fact.

At the ceremonies of unveiling the statue of Gen. Geo. H. Thomas, at Washington, the other day, not one volunteer military company from the North was present, while several Southern companies, composed largely of ex-Confederates, were present. It is hard to account for the absence of Northern volunteer companies on such an occasion, unless it is because "old pap" Thomas was a Democrat.

Now that both branch of the Legislature and Governor of New York are Republican, which is the first time in a Presidential year since 1860 that such has been the case, the Republicans of that State are talking of disfranchising the voters thereof, as far as voting for President is concerned. There is talk of the Legislature passing a bill, which will be signed by the Governor, to the effect that the Legislature of New York shall cast the 35 Electoral votes of that State. However, we think the people of the Empire State will not quietly submit to such a scheme to rob them of their rights.

THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE. Last week we placed the President's annual message before our readers; but did not then comment upon it, nor will we now, further than giving the utterances of the Atebison Champion, a Republican paper, on that subject, which seems to be a very fair representation of the opinion of the Western Republican press, generally, of the message. The Champion says: "It is a rather commonplace document, well written, but containing nothing of very startling interest. It is very long, too. These facts will combine to render it a document not likely to be generally read."

The President's financial views will not be generally approved, especially in the West. The wise policy, now, is to let well enough alone. The greenback is on a par with gold, and the people prefer it, as a currency, to either gold or silver. There seems to be no good reason for either retiring it or depriving it of its legal tender value. We are unalterably opposed to either of these schemes, and we believe this opinion to be that generally entertained by a large majority of people.

"The school master's examinations, which the President discusses at some length, are very pretty in theory, but utterly absurd in practice. The best men in this country, the men who have shown the greatest aptitude for the management of affairs, are not college bred. The President's competitive examination system would deprive all men of this class of any chance to enter the public service; for not one of them, it is safe to say, could give a history of Central Africa, the boundaries of Afghanistan, or the distance from the earth to the moon. The competitive examination business is a preposterous humbug. If that is Civil Service reform, the less we have of such 'reform' in this country the better it will be for the country."

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