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Let the republicans turn out to their primaries this evening. Therein lies the safety and prosperity of our people. Vigilance upon the part of the people is our certain safety. Let each party vie with the other in putting up gilt edged men.

We publish Mayor Weckbach's declaration in this issue. There is no question but the appeals of the HERALD have had their effect upon the people; as the democratic primaries we understand, were well attended last evening. There has, we learn, been considerable criticism indulged in against Mayor Weckbach on account of the management of affairs during the small pox plague last spring—for every effort made by the mayor and city council for the abatement of the plague, the HERALD has only hearty commendation; and we believe our people take the same view of that matter; however, we think Mayor Weckbach and his council do not meet the endorsement of the people in their general management of city affairs, and especially in the civil government of the city; appointments have been made that were not fit to be made; and especially upon this branch of our city administration have severe criticism been justly indulged in by the people. The HERALD hopes both parties will make good nominations, for our city needs good business men in control of our affairs.

In discussing the all important question of good government in our large centers of population which is fast becoming one of the most important questions to the citizen in this country. The later Ocean says:

A recent report, prepared for the Inter Ocean, and the correctness of which has not been questioned, contained the following statement as to the percentage of murders to population in eight cities:

Brooklyn, one to every 47,244.
Philadelphia, one to every 40,000.
Boston, one to every 36,253.
Chicago, one to every 23,400.
New York, one to every 21,632.
Baltimore, one to every 21,546.
Cincinnati, one to every 12,756.
San Francisco, one to every 8,709.
The first, second and third cities in the list are under either straight republican or republican citizen administrations, while the rest are democratic cities. The average in the first class is one to 41,165 of the inhabitants; in the second class, one to 13,468, or in a word, more than three to one in favor of Cary in preference to Harrison.

The HERALD, the other day, in speaking of the issue in Chicago between the people and Carter Harrison's democratic party, being high or low license; mentioned the saloons as "thousands of dram shops," to which exception was taken by a good friend of this paper, who ridiculed the extravagant statement of "thousands of dram shops." We notice the Chicago papers say there are upwards of four thousand places where liquor is sold by the drink, and only about half that number of places where food can be obtained. The Inter-Ocean says, "the last business directory gives the number of groceries, markets, and provision stores, as 2,223. Mayor Harrison's message states that there are 3,785 licensed saloons, and according to the best estimates, there are at least five hundred places in Chicago where liquor is sold without the formal permission of the city authorities."

So the HERALD was perfectly justified in making the moderate assertion of "thousands of dram shops."

WILLIAM P. ROSS, the present chief of the Cherokee Indians, is a graduate of an eastern college, remarkable for intelligence and culture, and a fine orator. The tribe occupies a reservation of 4,000,000 acres, bounded on the north and east by Kansas, Missouri and Arkansas. The Cherokees of pure and mixed blood number 20,386, about one-half of whom speak the English language, which is the only one taught in the schools. In the entire male population there are but sixteen whose occupation is given in the last census as hunters, and five fishermen, the majority being farmers. There are 407 schools supported by the nation, a male and female seminary for advanced pupils, and an orphan asylum. There is a regularly constituted government, and an adequate administration of justice. In short, the Cherokee nation is not to be distinguished from a frontier state, except in the character of its inhabitants, their relations to the general government, and their system of holding the land in common, which affords an interesting example of practical communism.—Ex.

A most remarkable electrical phenomenon manifested itself on the line of the Union Pacific railroad last Sunday, between North Platte and Sidney. The influence, however, was felt perceptibly beyond these points. The rails were surcharged with a current of electricity, moving from west to east, to so high a degree that handcars standing on the track were impelled at a fair rate of speed by it. One handcar at Brule got away from the section men next east. The influence of the current was felt by many persons along the track, and no little excitement prevailed during its continuance.—Interior.

SPEAKING as the HERALD has done frequently of our Indian troubles and policy, calls to mind the action of the secretary of the Interior, in recognizing woman's fitness for political advancement. Secretary Teller has appointed Mrs. Helen Hunt Jackson, of Colorado, as a special agent of the Interior department, to examine as to the causes of complaint which have been made about the management of the Indians of southern California. Mrs. Hunt Jackson is a veteran Indian fighter before the department, for the rights of the Indian, and against their abuses and mismanagement, by agents and traders. Secretary Teller has, by this act, acknowledged woman's fitness for political advancement. There is no reason why women, competent and fit, should not be acknowledged in almost every branch of the service. The HERALD says all honor be to Secretary Teller.

ONE of the most remarkable incidents of the times is the action of the legislatures of the southern states in voting pensions to the wounded and disabled soldiers of the confederacy. It is an interesting and instructive exhibition of the sentiment prevailing among the southern people, in regard to the right of the confederate soldier to reward for suffering and sacrifices made on behalf of the south during the war of the rebellion; and unquestionably the same sentiment prevails towards the citizen who lost his property by the acts of confiscation by either army; and this sentiment upon the part of the southern people is peculiarly interesting, when we see the great state of Tennessee, whose legislature has not only voted pensions to the disabled confederates, but also to all disabled union soldiers of that state who have not been cared for by the general government. This state, in the presence of an almost irretrievable financial disaster, with her treasury plundered and robbed by her state treasurer until she has not a single dollar left with which to even pay her legislators; with her credit ruined abroad by the repudiation of her state debt; penniless and characterless, obligates herself to pay to her confederate sons an enormous debt, the extent of which cannot be computed at present.

If this is the sentiment of the southern people (and who can doubt it after this action upon the part of Tennessee) we can well understand the motive and intention of these people in compelling their representatives in Congress to file their war and pension claims against the general government on behalf of the citizens of the south; and we can well understand what the demands of the south will be upon the general government the moment the democratic party comes into power. This action upon the part of such a great state as Tennessee, ought to weigh more than all the pious disclaimers of any national platform. The democratic party may be able to frame, and it is not an intemperate or extravagant statement to say, that it is reasonable to expect these people and their representatives will the moment they come in control of the national government, if it can be done, saddle all these claims upon the whole country.

This condition of public sentiment in the south is well worth studying. It is no idle warning to say that a people who so devoutly believe in the rights of the confederate soldier to reward for suffering and sacrifices made during the late war on behalf of the south, will have the courage of their convictions, when they come into the control of the government, and say for property destroyed and lives rendered helpless, the general government should make restitution.

SPEAKING of the rights of the minority in the parliamentary bodies to play "the dog in the manger" to the detriment of public business, and clog the wheels of legislation until the minority gets ready to permit the majority to rule. The Chicago Inter Ocean says, there is "horse sense," if not parliamentary precedent, for the ruling made by the democratic president of the New York senate the other day when he held that a member actually present counted in making up a quorum, whether he responded to the roll-call or not. The filibustering practiced, especially in our American congress, to practical people who believe in the majority rule in government, is at times a disgrace to any deliberative body; an evil practice of which all political parties have been alike guilty, and the HERALD thinks the presiding officer of the New York senate has a pretty good idea of parliamentary right.

THE HERALD has read the report of Comptroller Lawrence, of the United States treasury, in response to Senator Van Wyck's resolution, asking for a report from the department of justice un-

der Attorney General Brewster's management, of the names of special and assistant attorneys by the attorney general to gether with the amounts paid each one, etc., since January 1 1882. If Col. Sellers in his palmy days ever struck upon anything that equals this showing, we don't remember it. It is too long, too broad, and too immense, every way to publish today. "There is millions in it." We will give the first item as it appears in the comptroller's report which is only a sample of a whole column of the same kind as published in the Sun: 1882 George Bliss of New York. May 26. Services in star route cases.....\$ 6,800 00 Expenses—Board, railroad fare, &c..... 644 55

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