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If anybody thinks strikes are a failure, let them call Mr. Sullivan (the Metropolitan term him), into the ring.

SECRETARY WINDHAM informs the HERALD that the prospects for the Plattsmouth & Southwestern are bright, and that sufficient men of capital and experience are interested in the road to insure its construction.

The teacher's institute at the High School building in Plattsmouth, is a great success. Supper, dinner, Altman with the assistance of educators like Prof. Drummond and Prof. J. E. Harris, is making this meeting an unusually interesting one. The attendance of Cass county teachers is much better than usual, and the earnestness with which these young gentlemen and ladies take hold of institute work, insures the pleasant and successful session which is now being held.

TODAY the republicans of "the slope" in Iowa, formally open their campaign. There will be present U. S. Senators Wilson and Allison also Governor Sherman and Congressman Pete Hepburn. On this occasion, the supposition is, the few democrats in Page county will "take to the woods". The great curiosity and interest in this rally will center in Senator Wilson's speech, explanatory of the third plank in the republican platform of that state of which he is charged with being the author of.

The Louisville Courier-Journal says: The census of 1870 shows that Kentucky had 40,000 illiterate voters. The census of 1880 shows between 45,000 and 50,000 illiterate voters. The fact is alarming, and it should alarm all intelligent people. Is it profitable merely to think over the alarming fact and to do nothing to avert the danger involved?

The per capita for public school instruction in that State this year is but \$1.40!

Comment upon the late Democratic victory in that State is unnecessary.—'Rah! for Jackson!

Why can't we have harmony among the few Nebraska Democratic papers? The Lincoln Democrat abuses the Omaha Herald because the Herald stands up and rats its crow like a well disciplined Democrat! Henri Waterson has swallowed his crow, feathers and all. Mr. Carlisle has even been forced to say he is not favorable to further agitation of the tariff question, and Dr. Miller is but showing his well disciplined Democratic raising by swearing to anything the party does. The Lincoln Democrat had better leave the Omaha Herald alone, and hasten to humble its own proud spirit and acknowledge its many short comings and faults, among which is the free trade heresy—for it is all coming to that anyway. The Omaha Herald has only anticipated the matter with more foresight than its younger colleague, at Lincoln, but it will all be right after a time.

THE reunion of the survivors of the celebrated Wilson Creek battle, where General Lyon lost his life, proved a successful affair, and we notice the glorious names of many of the boys who made that campaign, with the writer of this item, who were present to recount their exploits. These veterans who return to that fated field after twenty-two years of life's shifting experiences, to recall the terrible scenes of the bloody fight, where a handful of raw, untrained, inexperienced volunteers, under Nathaniel P. Lyon, armed with old Harper's Ferry muskets, held at bay and defeated a rebel force of five times their number; are the men above all others, who followed the old flag in defense of the Union, who deserve the respect and kindly remembrance of the Nation. They were her earliest, first and most zealous defenders.

THERE is no doubt but that the Republicans of Ohio have the inside track in the present canvass; the Scott law is proving more and more popular as its workings in the State test its provisions.

The Democrats have entered the canvass against this law, and lose all the temperance element of that party; which vote upon the liquor question from principle; the liquor men on the other hand see that the law is not what it was represented; but that it is a reasonable and fair regulation of the liquor traffic, and consequently, their vote can

not be controlled against it on the ground of prejudice; on the other hand the people of the State generally understand and appreciate its workings upon the point of revenues, and will not consent to its abolition, unless a better plan is devised to compel the traffic to bear its just proportion of the public burdens in the way of taxation.

The laboring and producing classes of Ohio like this law, and the defeat of the party which opposes it may be set down as almost certain.

Then again, the canvass of Judge Headly has disappointed the party; he has talked too much, and his record upon the lamented Garfield, as it is raked up, and brought to light, shows him to be no orator man and politician and a demagogue.

JEFFERSON DAVIS has written a long letter, and undertaken to prove that secession was right and that the south must yet be fully vindicated. It is the old ante-bellum argument; the arguments that James Buchanan and his rebel cabinet framed, as one of the reasons why the Federal government had no right to attempt the coercion of the southern states.

This letter is very properly addressed to Jerre Black, Mr. Buchanan's old attorney general. It is curious in this day, when the intelligence, patriotism and progress of this nation has in the brief space of some seventeen years left the rebellion of the southern states and its causes, so far behind that it sounds like the story of a century ago, that its great first head should set himself down to prove to the people of this country that South Carolina was justifiable in seizing the Federal fortifications, under the deed of secession by that state to the general government, and that the attorney general of South Carolina, had the right to claim this property because it reverted as Mr. Davis claims by the terms of the grant back to that state the moment the general government ceased to properly govern and fortify it; and yet this man represents a very large proportion of the democratic party of the south; today, Jefferson Davis is a fair exponent of the brains and honest convictions of the leaders in that party in the states that seceded from the Union, and whose electoral votes will to a very large extent select the next democratic president if one should be elected—and of the men who will take their places at the helm of this nation and shape its policy in that section of the American Union should the great democratic party gain control of the administration; of this there is no doubt.

Northern democrats may and will deny this proposition yet it is the truth; the attempt to parry this truth by the taunt that we are "waving the bloody shirt," can have no force; the assertion that Jeff Davis is a fire eater, and unreconstructed rebel, and that he misrepresents the south, will not avail; he is a distinguished man, he is honored, and feted by the people of that section of the country upon every convenient occasion; he represents a principle they fought for, bravely, and which they all believe in; and when he says speaking of the lost cause, and the time when in this country that cause will be vindicated.

When it shall no longer be popular to have instigated and aided in the prosecution of the war against the Southern states, when the sober second thought of the people shall have taken an account of wasted treasure of sacrificed lives, of a land saddened by the wail of the widow and the orphan, and last, but not least, the subversion of those sound principles of free government for which the colonies fought the war of the revolution, and to perpetuate which the Union was formed, then, consent is the foundation and fraternity the cement of our political structures; the desires of President Buchanan towards a peaceful solution of the questions presented by South Carolina may receive the reward due to the wisdom and patriotism of his conciliatory policy.

He echoes the sentiments of the men who control the democratic party in the south who will come into power just so sure as that party regains the reins of government. The only difference between Mr. Davis and the average southern politician is, the expression of the confederacy is an honest, old state's rights, southern democrat who always speaks his true convictions upon these questions without regard to consequences.

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The several counties are entitled to representation in the State Convention, as follows, based upon the vote cast for E. P. Rogers for Secretary of State, giving one delegate to each one hundred and fifty (150) votes, and one delegate for the fraction of seventy-five (75) votes or over; also one delegate for each organized county.

Counties	Delegates	Counties	Delegates
Adams	2	Johnson	2
Antelope	2	Keosauqua	2
Barnes	2	Lincoln	2
Boone	2	Loup	2
Butler	2	Madison	2
Cass	2	McPherson	2
Chadron	2	Merrick	2
Cherokee	2	Monroe	2
Clay	2	Nemaha	2
Colfax	2	Platte	2
Columbia	2	Polk	2
Conkling	2	Rock	2
Crawford	2	Seward	2
Cummins	2	Stanton	2
Dallas	2	Union	2
Dawson	2	Wabasha	2
DeWitt	2	Washington	2
Dodge	2	Wayne	2
Douglas	2	York	2
Dundy	2	Total	74
Franklin	2		
Frontier	2		
Furness	2		
Gage	2		
Gardner	2		
Grant	2		
Harlan	2		
Harrison	2		
Hayes	2		
Holmes	2		
Humboldt	2		
Imperial	2		
Iowa	2		
Jackson	2		
Jefferson	2		

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