

General Amnesty.

A Southern editor, commenting upon the letter of Jeff. Davis in reply to Messrs. Blaine and Garfield, says: "Jeff. Davis was right, 'and right' is a high quality. It is not likely that anything we can ever do will reach the mind of the deep and devilish heart of a rebel more than anything we can do."

The only "concessions" made by a Confederate that we know of are: First, consenting to come back into the Union after they were whipped; second, begging for amnesty. The concession of coming back into the Union when they could not help it is not worthy of consideration. The "concession" of begging for amnesty and of coming back to get it when they could not get it in any other way is not exactly conclusive of loyalty and good faith. Now the Southern editor says: "We are getting strong enough to think and say what we please." This is the secret of the Amnesty measure defeated in the majority in the lower house of Congress. The purpose of its introduction and intended passage was to give amnesty to the rebels, and longer need of concessions on the part of ex-rebels. If an Amnesty bill could be passed, restoring to the rights of citizenship the rebels and others who obstinately decline to beg for pardon, and who still declare their adherence to the cause of the "Lost Cause," the effect would constitute a tacit recognition of the right of secession, and of the binding force of the doctrine of State sovereignty, as opposed to that of the individual members of the nation. This is the "concession" in and out of Congress, and the Democratic party of the country adopted this view, and voted for the bill in the face of the fact that amnesty under these circumstances was defeated, shows that the Southern editor is too fast in declaring that we are getting strong enough to think and say what we please. The proposition to restore the rights of citizenship to the rebels in the form of an Amnesty bill, thus treating as null and void the later amendments to the Constitution, roused the national spirit and called forth a vigorous protest from the friends of the "Lost Cause." It is just this principle that the people will not consent to have embodied in the form of a law—*Inter-Ocean.*

How Southern Secularism Has Revived.

Under the Reconstruction acts, planters and commercial men have grown rich and with their increase of production and wealth the old spirit of the slave master has returned with double force to crush out personal liberty and to reduce the talking over his exploits always grows warm on the subject of freedom. He will not let you that you are a man of the South, could not live in union with the North because his liberties were destroyed. It therefore appeared to the arbiters of the sword, but to you ask: Why did the South rebel? He will tell you to preserve slavery, and that the "lost cause" was the saving of the slave. The evidence of this element in the country is shown by the persistent effort to re-enact servitude in some form, to bring the colored man back into the ranks of the whites, that they may do the bidding of their old masters, or suffer the consequences. The White Leaguers in the South are not content with the restoration of the old masters, but they want to re-establish the old masters, who have a graduated scale of oppression to destroy the independence of the colored voter. Democratic land owners will not sell or let to a negro land in States under Democratic ascendancy. Planters or owners of negro property will not let their labor unless the colored man will undertake to vote as he is told, and always for the enemies of his race. Traders will not give the black man a cent of credit, and States are not anxious to educate the negro, and so they complain of his ignorance and want to keep him in the ranks of the negro to who has his family to provide for? Does this besotted ex-Confederate whites think the colored man cannot support his wife and children? Is slavery re-established wherever the colored man is prevented from supporting his family? Is the colored man to vote under the direction of his masters. Negroes that resist these outrages are ruthlessly shot by men who talk of the rights of the colored man, and who ask how much they yearn to have the North forget the war and embrace as brothers—*Republic Magazine.*

Government Expenses—An Interesting Comparison.

Some statisticians have been going over the ledger of the Government for the last twenty years, and demonstrated the fact that the Governmental expenses, deducted from the receipts, are not so necessary to the war, are less per head than they were under the Democratic Administration of Buchanan. The following figures, in round numbers, are taken from the report of 1878, tell their own story:

Annual expense for 1859.....	\$20,000,000
Annual expense for 1860.....	25,000,000
Annual expense for 1861.....	70,000,000
Annual expense for 1862.....	1,000,000,000
Annual expense for 1863.....	1,500,000,000
Annual expense for 1864.....	2,000,000,000
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Annual expense for 1867.....	1,500,000,000
Annual expense for 1868.....	1,000,000,000
Annual expense for 1869.....	700,000,000
Annual expense for 1870.....	500,000,000
Annual expense for 1871.....	400,000,000
Annual expense for 1872.....	300,000,000
Annual expense for 1873.....	250,000,000
Annual expense for 1874.....	200,000,000
Annual expense for 1875.....	150,000,000
Annual expense for 1876.....	100,000,000
Annual expense for 1877.....	75,000,000
Annual expense for 1878.....	50,000,000

This is allowing nothing on account of any expenses caused by outlaws in the South, nor anything for the war, and almost every county in the State was represented—gave hopeful reports of the political situation and prospects.

The Republican Party in Illinois.

We may say with all truth that never have we witnessed in the State of Illinois more confidence or a better feeling in a political gathering than characterized that of the State Central Committee and the scores of prominent Republicans who recently met with us in Chicago. Without exception, the gentlemen in attendance—and almost every county in the State was represented—gave hopeful reports of the political situation and prospects.

The Republican party is as strong in Illinois to-day as it ever has been since its organization. The "Liberals" of two years ago are coming back into the old ranks, and as a rule, the grangers who had been duped into the "Independent" party of good men, and who had been deceived, have discovered their mistake, and will be found under the Republican banners in the coming campaign. With a strong feeling of good nature, and a confidence that will truly reflect the popular sentiment in reference to the great issues before the country, success will be inevitable—*Chicago Journal.*

Very true. The Democrats "furnished the materials" which brought on the war, which kept it up, and which is now making us an "issue" again. Let us whip them out once again, and so completely that they will never be heard of again.

Seizable Young Ladies.

Sir Edward Thornton and family set a most excellent example, in the matter of dress, to Washington society, and one that Americans generally might heed to advantage.

This declaration is called out by an incident which occurred on the avenue a few bright days ago. A party of fashionable life here that could get out on the promenade. The maine at the principal theater was just pouring out, and the young ladies were in the habit of being dressed in all the agencies of the styles, to swell the tide, when the English Minister and his family appeared. The young ladies, being highly displeased with the line of the 500 beaded American women.

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How Consumers Are Swindled by Dishonest Traders.

Honorable competition in trade is alarmingly rare. Men do not depend upon superior intelligence to get forward, but upon an abhorred admixture of cunning and audacity. Intelligent mastery of business is not so much in request as precocious cunning and a ready tongue.

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A Husband Lost His Wife at a Game of Cards.

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