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THE independents of Massachusetts have met and resolved that the fair name of the old Bay State calls for opposition on the part of the independents to Benjamin F. Butler's re-election.

THE opinion of the supreme court of Nebraska, in the matter of the state of Nebraska at the relation of R. D. Silver contractor, vs the state board of public lands and buildings, and one W. H. B. Stout, will probably be filed tomorrow.

"THE GLORIOUS HOADLY," to use Dr. Miller's enthusiastic mention of the leader of the Ohio new democracy, returned from his malarial vacation in Pennsylvania, last week, in time to make two speeches, when he was again prostrated, and had to return to his home in Cincinnati.

ON yesterday (Sunday) the managers of the great Northern Pacific resolved to mortgage that road for \$20,000,000 more, this \$20,000,000 loan to be a second mortgage upon the road, and applied in liquidating the floating and unfunded debt of the road, and also for the completion of the road.

THE Minneapolis Tribune stirs the tepid waters of the democratic pool with the announcement, "under the hat," that Mr. and Mrs. Barkis "the old ticket"—"are willin'," and will appear in person and ask the democratic party of the nation for a license to run as the '84 team. This official announcement from the Tribune is a verification of the old saying that when one wants the news he should go away from home. THE HERALD is in favor of giving the old man a chance.

THE manner in which Judge Pound has been endorsed by both political parties in this district, must be a source of great satisfaction to that gentleman. Since his elevation to the bench, Judge Pound's course has been an exemplary and praiseworthy one. A strong republican in his convictions, he has held himself above and beyond the intrigues and plottings of politicians and parties, devoting his whole energies to a careful, conscientious discharge of his judicial duties. Unquestionably the people of this district recognize in S. B. Pound an honest, fair minded, dignified official, and the handsome endorsement given him by both political parties, is a compliment any man should feel proud of.

IN Iowa and Ohio the temperance and liquor interests will cross swords tomorrow "in dead earnest." In Ohio the prohibitionists are thoroughly organized in support of the proposed prohibition amendment to the constitution. As the canvass made by the temperance party will bring to the polls a very large class of the non-voting population; the stay at home; the predictions are made, by knowing ones of all parties, that Ohio will poll a very large vote tomorrow. In Iowa, the temperance and liquor interests will bring to the polls a full vote of that state and well informed politicians place Governor Sherman's majority all the way from fifteen to thirty thousand, while the estimates upon the two candidates for the supreme Judgeship are uncertain owing to the scratching which will be indulged in by both political parties. That both of these states will remain loyal to the republican cause there is very little doubt.

AN INDEPENDENT REPUBLICAN.

Fred Douglass says in answer to a letter from Private Dalzell:

I am thought to be an Independent, and so I am, but I am an Independent inside of the Republican party. I can have all the independence I want inside of the Republican party. I am both independent and dependent. I do not take a step in life that I am not dependent on something or somebody. In politics I am dependent upon one or the other political party, and I am foolish enough to think that the Republican party may be as safely trusted with the destiny of the republic and the rights of the colored people as the Democratic party, and in this I know I am right. For the life of me I cannot see how any honest colored man who has brains enough to put two ideas together can allow himself under the notion of independence, to give aid to the

Democratic party in Ohio or elsewhere. We to the colored people of this country when the Republican party shall triumph in spite of the treacherous votes of colored men. Bead as our condition now is, it would be worse than we should neither have nor deserve the confidence of any party, and would to use a slang phrase, "Be out in the cold." My advice to colored men everywhere is to stick to the Republican party. Tell your wants, hold the party up to its profession, but do your utmost to keep it in power in State and Nation.

OUR GERMAN FELLOW CITIZENS.

THIS is the day our German fellow citizens commemorate the first German settlement of note in this country, at Germantown, Pennsylvania. On the 6th day of October, 1683, exactly two hundred years ago, a band of German pilgrims landed at Philadelphia and immediately made their way to Germantown where they settled. Commenting upon this bi-centenary, the Chicago Tribune pays the following handsome tribute to the German race: "The first band of German pilgrims landed at Philadelphia Oct. 5, 1683, and immediately went to Germantown. It has been estimated that in 1750 there were 125,000 Germans in the country. That year 24,000 more came, and from that year to this the ocean has been white with vessels bearing them hither, to escape religious oppression at first, and afterward military oppression, and the burdens of taxation and ill paid labor. From 1820 to 1870 they brought 3,002,027, or almost one-third of the entire immigration from Europe, which spread over the Middle States during the first half of this period, and then, as the Great West was opened up, followed the course of "the Star of Empire." In 1880 there were 2,067,742 persons in this country born in Germany, and it is probable that one-sixth or one-seventh of the whole population is now German.

THE first band of German pilgrims was headed by Francis Daniel Pastorius. They were Quakers, and fled from Germany, like the Pilgrims, to escape religious persecution. Under a commission from Wm. Penn they settled at Germantown. The Plymouth pilgrims, however, were men of learning and culture, whereas Pastorius' followers were noted for scholarly attainments, while they possessed the same force of character which had distinguished their Massachusetts predecessors without their tendency to bigotry and harshness. They had the genuine Quaker humanity, and it found its first expression in a vigorous protest against slavery, which called the Germans to the attention of being the original Abolitionists. The true German characteristics were soon apparent in the little colony, and were manifested not alone in thrift, and industry but in the rapid growth of educational and religious facilities. Schoolhouses and churches sprang up on every hand, and manufacturers testified to their skill. Germantown indeed, boasts the first paper mill erected in this country, and claims to have printed the first Bible. The solid qualities of the German characterized the growth of the new colony, which was the nucleus of the subsequent colonization that spread over Pennsylvania, which today, as it was a century ago, is thrifty, hard working, peaceable and sturdy, robust in composition and strong in development.

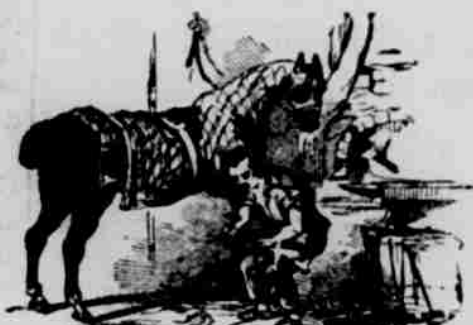
SINCE those early days, as we have said, Germans have poured in here by thousands and hundreds of thousands, until they have become a power in the country. Of all her adopted children they are the strongest and most successful, and have most deeply impressed themselves upon the National character. Though strong in Pennsylvania, New York, and Maryland, they have taken the helm in the West, and to the Southwest have spread through Texas into Mexico. Neither New England nor the South contains any considerable number of them. In the agricultural development of the West they have played a very important part. The great tide of German emigration at present seeks the new farming region. Unless intending to embark in mercantile pursuits, Germans do not hang about cities like some other nationalities, but whether in city life or on the frontiers they are the same, febrile, vigorous, pushing people making themselves felt by their strong qualities. While they retain many of the peculiarities of the fatherland, they are not so foreign to the National tastes that Americans experience any aversion to them; on the other hand some of them have been adopted with something like the German. If more of them were observed, like the German's love of entertainment and his fondness for the open air and outdoor life, it would be better for us. If our people resumed less fiery and poisonous strong liquors and drank the German's wies and beer we should be a healthier and less excitable people.

While thus preserving strong attachment for many of their home associations, no race of people among us is more law abiding or more deeply devoted to the Republic and its form of government, and no German who has revisited the fatherland has returned here without a still stronger attachment to his adopted land, and it may be confessed, with the conviction that his success in this country has aroused a feeling of envy at home. No finer strain has pervaded our country, in loyalty than that of the German. He has brought with him the very elements that are essential to sure growth and that will tend to strengthen our institutions—a clear, strong love of liberty, honesty and courage of conviction, coolness of disposition, a patience and sobriety of habit, robustness of physique, capacity for physical work on the one hand and deep intellectual attainment on the other. Such a people may celebrate with pride the recollections of the Germantown colony, and American will not hesitate to join them cordially in their festivities.

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