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LESS than four weeks from now Mr. Blaine will be at the head of the state depertment, where his views will "count" he gives the Monroe doctrine a broader application than any man connected with the present administration, so the "war lords" who are running Germany had best go a little slow with Samoa.

THE HERALD has been waiting patiently for the mayor to investigate the doings of Chief of Police Poisall in the assault of Nichols on Mr. Bock and Black. The HERALD does not wish to dictate how the city government shall be run, but it does demand an investigation on this particular assault and the blame put just where it belongs, and if the chief of police is to blame to have him removed from office at once.

THE "Yorktown" was put on trial the other day. The gun-boat will be tried in several different ways before the inspecting officers make their report, but we can say that it will have no such tests applied to it as was applied those built by John Roach. It might be well for this government to apply these tests, but if they were applied few of the vessels lately built would come up to those built by Roach and refused by this democratic administration.

IN March, 1885, when the present Administration came into power, the Treasury surplus was only $20,000,000, according to the present method of computation. It is now about $62,000,000, and is increasing. For many months after Mr. Cleveland's term began there were no bond redemptions, and the accumulations were allowed to pile up in the treasury to an extent never before known. For this the administration was blamed, and blamed justly, by most of those who were qualified to speak on the question. There were bonds outstanding then which could be purchased at par at the option of the government; but they were not bought until the gold fund in the treasury far exceeded the amount which republican financial officers in the preceding administrations had deemed sufficient to meet all requirements The next administration will undoubtedly purchase bonds more freely than is now being done, and keep the surplus from going far beyond present figures, which are much lower than the average for the past year and a half, for at one time in this period it amounted to $110,000,000. However, the duty of lessening the revenues is still as urgent as ever.—Globe Democrat.

NO SECTIONAL POLICY.

As long as the race question is forced to the front as the leading issue in the South by the republican party, there will be no material division among democrats upon other questions.

If the industrial policy is carried out by President Harrison and the republican party the color line will disappear from politics, and the people of the South will be free to express themselves and differ upon questions of administration, tariff, of revenue and of finance without the shadow of the color line appearing upon the political horizon to disturb them and make them afraid that division means defeat and a domination in our political affairs that the South can never submit to.

This apprehension removed, we know of no reason why the protection sentiment of the South, and its convictions upon other questions where there are differences of opinion, should not be freely and boldly expressed.

The *Chronicle*, in the face of a most intolerant opposition, has not hesitated to commit itself for the repeal of the internal revenue system and the protection of American industries. We believe all the revenues needed for the support of the government should be collected at the custom houses of the country from the duties upon imports. And we believe that the duties should be so levied as not only to yield revenue, but protection to all legitimate American interests.—Augusta Chronicle.

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The Andes Sinking.

According to La Gazette Geographique the Cordillera of the Andes are gradually sinking. In 1745 the city of Quito was 9,596 feet above sea level; in 1803 it was only 9,570; in 1831, 9,567, and scarcely 9,520 in 1863. This amounts to a lowering of 76 feet in 122 years, or at the rate of about 7½ inches per annum. We are also told that the farm of Antisana has sunk 165 feet in 64 years, or more than 2½ feet per annum. This is the highest inhabited spot on the Andes—about 4,000 feet higher than Quito, the highest city on the globe. The peak of Pichincha was, according to the same authority, 218 feet lower in 1867 than in 1745, a sinking of nearly 2 feet per annum.

Assuming the accuracy of these figures, they present a curious geological problem, especially as there is no record of a corresponding change at sea level or at the foot of these same mountains, which descend rather steeply to the Pacific. If the plasticity or viscosity of the earth's crust be such as I have contended in magazine, it follows almost of necessity that such a mass of mountain land as that in this region of Quito and Chimborazo must be squeezing itself downward into the subcrust of the globe by its own enormous weight. Although the highest of these peaks is not quite so high as the highest of the Himalayas, the concentration of elevation in a given area, or, otherwise stated, the mass standing above sea level in proportion to the base on which it stands, is greater than can be found in anyother part of the world, and its down thrust is similarly pre-eminent. Such down squeezing and sinking must be accompanied with corresponding lateral thrust or elbowing that should produce earthquake disturbances on every side. The facts fully satisfy this requirement of the theory, as the country all around the region is the very fatherland of earthquakes.—Gentleman's Magazine.

Theatre Goers Will Say Amen.

The Boston Herald makes a suggestion which ought to be adopted. It throws out a hint to theatre managers that they adopt a regulation, and announce on their programmes, which shall make it theatre etiquette for the whole audience to rise and relieve itself of the constraint of continuous sitting at some specified interval between acts of the play. Every theatre goer will say amen to The Herald's suggestion. When to a tiresome play is added the fatigue of sitting for two hours and a half in a theatre chair, which may not be more than comfortable at the outset, but which grows harder and harder as the play progresses, theatre going becomes an awful task, instead of a pleasure.

A certain portion of the audience, no doubt, would hail with delight the adoption of The Herald's suggestion as in a certain sense legalizing "seeing a man" between the acts, but, on the other hand, it would relieve from suspicion those who find a change of position actually necessary; and since rising and remaining standing between the acts is too conspicuous, they can only find relief in going out between the acts, horribly conscious that all their acquaintances are wondering what they will drink. The opportunity which such a regulation would afford, of moving about and seeing one's friends, would certainly not detract from the attendance at the theatre. There are several points in it worthy the consideration of managers.—Worcester Herald.

The Sultan Leads a Jolly Life.

The present sultan is one of the most enthusiastic chess amateurs in Europe. He will play the game for hours without intermission, and will not allow any matter of state to interfere with the problem in which at the time he is engaged. His ministers often find themselves unable to approach the imperial presence, for the reason that the sultan is deep in a game. They and their statecraft have to wait until the sultan has checkmated his adversary or decided on the next move. Abdul Hamid has his own court chess player, a Hungarian, who receives a handsome salary for letting the sultan win a few games off him each day. It is said that the present court chessman's predecessor was dismissed from office because he ungenerously insisted on profiting by his superior skill and checkmated his imperial antagonist every time. The Hungarian master, therefore, plays a very poor game to the sultan, and makes a point of looking crestfallen at each defeat, whereat the thirty-fifth representative of the house of Othman crows with delight and claps his hands.—London Life.

Thought He Was Advertising.

"I remember," he continued, "when I was sailing on Lake Ontario, years ago, our vessel had an apparatus for lowering boats that was invented by a Buffalo man—he was a shoemaker, but I forget his name now, though I have often seen him in Buffalo since then. The boat was lowered by a windlass, and there was an automatic device for releasing it the moment it touched water. One day there was a yell of 'Man overboard!' I was at the engine and promptly reversed. A couple of chains were flung after the man. In just three minutes the man was picked up, in twelve minutes the crew of the boat were back on deck and the vessel was on its way again. Quickest work I ever saw or heard of. But our captain was in a rage. He kicked the man out of the firebole, where he was getting dried. Thought he dropped over to advertise the shoemaker's device, I suppose. But it never came into general use that I've heard. Perhaps because it costs something."—Buffalo News.

Our admiration of a famous man lessens upon nearer acquaintance with him, and we seldom hear of a celebrated person without a catalogue of some notorious weaknesses and infirmities.—Addison.

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