

Twenty-eight murderers were executed last Friday.

The Republicans of West Virginia have declared for Blaine for President.

The prospects of Governor Hays, of Ohio for the Presidency, begin to loom up.

General Harrison will probably be the Republican candidate for Governor of Indiana.

It is announced that H. M. Atkinson has resigned the office of Commissioner of Pensions and been appointed Surveyor General of New Mexico.

The veterans of the Mexican War have a re-union in St. Joseph to-day. Gen. James Shields is expected to be present.

The Kansas legislature has passed resolutions thanking the Republicans in Congress for the defeat of the bill granting amnesty to Jeff Davis, by a vote of 67 to 15.

Melroe, the principal owner of the St. Louis Globe-Democrat, has been found guilty of conspiracy to defraud the Government in the whisky ring. He is between sixty and seventy years old and worth \$500,000.

A petition has been presented in the Senate from citizens of Wisconsin, praying for the abolition of the U. S. Senate and the transfer of the powers of that body to the House of Representatives and the judiciary.

The bill appropriating \$1,500,000 for the Philadelphia Centennial Exposition passed the House of Representatives on the 25th ult., by a vote of 146 to 133. The party vote stands as follows:

Yeas—Republicans, 86; Ind. Republicans, 5; Democrats, 5.

Total, 146. Nays—Democrats, 106; Republicans, 19; Ind. Republicans, 5.

Total, 130. Of the Democrats who voted for the bill 18 only were from the Southern States, while of the 106 Democrats who voted against it, 62 represented Southern States.

Tucker, of Virginia, while the Centennial appropriation bill was under consideration in the House yesterday made a speech which ought to satisfy the people of the country as to the loyalty or disloyalty of the Democrats of the South. He took the ground that the United States are not a nation, but merely a confederacy, composed of the Union and those who stood by the Union, and declared secession proper and justifiable. He thought the South had no reason to rejoice that the Union had been maintained for a century, and therefore was opposed to the passage of the bill. It was probably on this same ground that the Legislature of Virginia recently refused to appropriate \$10,000 to defray the expenses of the Centennial Exhibition.—Inter-Ocean.

And the Democrats in Congress applauded Tucker as a truthful expounder of Democratic doctrine. A convention of county school superintendents was recently held at Fremont, Nebraska, and amongst other things passed resolutions declaring that the state needs another normal school; and resolved to petition Congress to donate the Pawnee Indian reservation with the brick buildings thereon for that purpose. The state does not need another normal school at this time, and if it did, the Pawnee reservation is not the place for it. It would be in justice before to the northern or western part of the state.

The suggestion of the Beatrice Express, we think a good one, and that is to institute a reform school on the Pawnee section. That would be at least of more benefit than another normal school.

The New York Tribune has the largest circulation of any political paper in the United States; the Chicago Inter-Ocean, is second; the N. Y. Times, third; the St. Louis Globe-Democrat, fourth. The other leading political papers are much below the ones we name. We are glad, as is every Republican that the Inter-Ocean stands so near the head of its class, for it is certainly the best and most ably edited Republican paper in the United States. Every Republican during the year of '76 should take it. There are many other good and true Republican journals, but in our opinion the Inter-Ocean, as a political paper, consistent, true and able, heads them all. We say this gratuitously and without solicitation, and for the sole reason that we would assist the people to a knowledge of where to obtain the best and most reliable reading for the exciting Presidential campaign of the present year. And on the finance question the Inter-Ocean is with the people.

Mr. Steele, the Delegate in Congress from the Territory of Wyoming, has introduced the following bill for opening the Black Hills country for settlement by white men:

Be it enacted, etc., That all that portion of country north of the North Platte river and east of the summit of the Big Horn mountains, in the territory of Wyoming, is hereby declared to be open to exploration and settlement; and the true intent and meaning of the treaty with the Sioux Indians concluded April 29, 1868, is declared to be that white men are not excluded therefrom from traveling over, exploring, or settling upon any portion of the territory of Wyoming not included within the boundaries of the

permanent reservation established for said Sioux Indians, by the second article of said treaty of April 29, 1868. Notwithstanding the passage of such a bill would be acting in bad faith toward the Indians, it would be hailed with joy by white men generally.—The settler, the miner, and the immigrant would of course then receive protection by the Government, and that patch of country which could not be bought, would virtually be taken possession of by force. And such a proceeding would be much cheaper than paying old Red Cloud's price.

Labor in the South.

The Savannah News says there is no portion of the South where industrial laborers are needed, and where they would not find immediate employment at good wages.—Exchange.

It is a fact we presume, that laborers are in demand in the fields and workshops of the Southern States. But a northern man who goes down there seeking work, unless he is a Democrat, would not be welcome. He would, in all probability, be murdered or should be independently express an opinion adverse to the principles of the Democracy, the white people of the South, and supporting the Republican idea of free speech, independent action at the ballot box, and equal rights to all, according to the constitution of the nation. Northern laborers as a class are intelligent men. They read, think, and are accustomed to speak, freely and fearlessly, their convictions and opinions upon all subjects. Such men would not be happy in the south. An honest intelligent American citizen would not submit to be muzzled or to have a padlock on his mouth. Hence such men as the South most needs—intelligent laborers—will not to a great extent go into the southern States regardless of locality, to procure work. The lower class of workmen and laborers, however, those who care not for principle, those who would not object to being degraded to serfs, or could through cowardice or any other cause, follow the political dictations of a master, and could join the rabble in negro murdering, and with zest take up the rebel yell of intimidation, would find congenial homes and pleasant labor in the south.

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OUR NEW YORK LETTER.

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Correspondence Nebraska Advertiser.

NEW YORK, Jan. 31, 1876.

THE WEATHER.

The city is thankful for the cool change that came this week. Fog, rain, and fever-breeding weather, just making ready for a host of small epidemics. The ice-men were sick with hope deferred, for there were no signs favorable for their annual crop, and 5,000 men were waiting for work to begin at the great ice-houses up river. There was little need of invalids going to Florida. But the north-west wind brought clear and bracing weather that makes life favorable. With all the warm, unfavorable weeks, the season is far from being an unhealthy one, the death rate for the week being considerably less than the corresponding one last winter. After the weather, the

THE PRINCIPAL MINING is being done in Spring Creek this winter, where our party saw Spencer & Co., located near Golden City, take out \$127 being the work of four men for six hours. The next day the same force in the same time took out \$112. They had taken out thirty-six ounces of gold from a space twelve feet wide, thirty long and six deep. The party was taken out on a plan, being as being splendid. There was no snow on the ground nor ice in the streams, while in some of the latter wild ducks were seen by the thousands, and there is game of all kinds in abundance.—There is an exhibition at Wilson's drug store here a nugget brought in by Donohue, of the Dodge party, which weighs \$2.1, besides many others from \$1 to \$4.50. During the entire trip

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