

The latest European news is that Turkey has concluded to fight rather than acquiesce in all the demands of Russia.

It is said that Mr. Tilden is thought to be rapidly falling, and it is thought that should the Democracy be counted in, Mr. Hendricks will be the President before a great while.

The Plattsmouth Herald says that twenty-three years ago the 23d of December, Senator Dodge, of Iowa introduced a bill to organize the Territory of Nebraska.

The probability is that a Democrat will succeed John A. Logan as U. S. Senator from Illinois. The Democrats and Independents combined have a small majority in the legislature over the Republicans.

One of the most terrible railroad accidents occurred at Ashtabula, Ohio, on the evening of the 29th ult. An iron bridge over the Ashtabula river, fell, precipitating eleven cars, six of which were passenger cars crowded with people, distance of 75 feet. About 200 people were aboard, 75 of whom, it is estimated, were killed—being crushed, burned or drowned. The ice gave way beneath the fallen bridge and cars, the wreck took fire immediately after, the weather was cold and a heavy wind and snow storm prevailed to add misery and terror to the scene. The elements combined in all their fury in the destruction of human life.

A singular case was a few days ago decided by the Supreme court of Iowa. It was a suit by a wife to recover damages from a saloon keeper for selling liquor to her husband. The court decided that the verdict of \$1,825 against the saloon keeper is invalid because one of the jurors took a glass of liquor during the progress of the trial. The court considers themselves bound to so decide because of decisions heretofore made.—Exchange.

Public opinion is so moulded on temperance reform, that the time is not far in the future when laws will be enacted which will warrant judges in inhibiting jurors from dram drinking while a part of the court. We think that would be a step forward in reformation. Men would rather be tried, or have their law cases tried, by entirely sober jurors, than when any of them are in any degree under the influence of alcoholic liquor.

John M. Palmer, Lyman Trumbull, William Bigler, Geo. B. Smith, Geo. W. Julian and P. H. Watson, are men whose statements will command the confidence of the country, and they declare, after a careful study of the returns, that an honest count even under the laws of Louisiana, cannot defeat the Tilden electors in that state. Are the American people prepared to accept the results of a fraudulent count and a disputed election?—Philadelphia Times.

The statements of such men as W. D. Kelly, John Sherman, ex-Gov. Noyes, and many other high minded and honorable gentlemen, are to say the least of it, just as worthy of credence as are the statements of old sordid renegades from the Republican party named in the Democratic list. And the former have the acts of sworn officers to confirm their statements as well as the evidence of hundreds of witnesses from the bulldozed districts. Are the American people prepared to set aside the verdict of the returning board, with such evidence before them? Will they become intimidated by the threats of war now indulged in by many Democrats, and see old Tilden bulldozed into the Presidential chair regardless of law and evidence? We have an idea that the Republican party doesn't intimidate worth a cent, and if they find Hayes has 185 electoral votes he will be inaugurated, and Democratic attempts to scare somebody will be treated with the supremest and coolest contempt.

The Beatrice Express of last week has a good article favoring a Senatorial caucus. We have over and over again expressed our opinion in harmony with this view—not in the interest of any candidate but solely for the party's good. We declare, as we have on other occasions, that we do not know whether a caucus would elect Mr. Hitchcock or defeat him—or do we think we know. While we say candidly that we are friendly to ward his re-election, we also say that party success, at this time especially, is with us, and should be with every Republican, because Hitchcock or any other man. In this light should every Republican, of whatever faction, view the matter.

The next United States Senate will contain the smallest majority, and on a bare majority, even if Nebraska and every other State that elects a Senator do their whole duty, and if Nebraska, and a few other Republican States, by foolish and personal animosities, lose their Senators, the Senate will pass, as has the House, into the hands of the Democracy.

This, it is feared, will be the upshot of the suicidal business. What matters it then, in that case, whether our President be Hayes or Tilden? For the sake of harmony and a smoothly running governmental machinery, it had better be Tilden. To-day the Republican party in Nebraska is contending with all its power, and with united voice, that Hayes is elected and should be inaugurated, and each one vies with his neighbor in loud declarations of patriotism and loyalty, and in making dismal pictures of the condition of the country, the negroes, the Republicans of the bulldozed South, etc., yet many of these same patriots, when the Senatorial question is mooted, boldly declare they would rather a Democrat would

be elected to the Senate than Hitchcock; and some of them have predicted the possibility of the election of a Democrat, in case the other faction does not desist from exercising its right of advocating the claims and voting for the man of their choice.

This is entirely inconsistent with their professions on the Presidential question. Were they consistent they would determine at once—swear "by the eternal," or by anything else that would make the oath stick, that in no case shall a Democrat be elected to the U. S. Senate from this State.

NEWS RECORD.

A man in Furnas county has shipped ten tons of butter within the last six months, bought in that county. There is no better State than Nebraska for dairy business.

About ten thousand acres of home-land were "proved up" in Hall county in the year 1876.

A few days ago in Richardson county a prairie fire was started by a passing train of cars, and before the fire could be stopped all of J. J. Hart's outbuildings, fences, farm implements, and 2,000 bushels of grain were burned. Mr. Simmons also lost a fine hedge, a lot of hay, straw, fences, etc. W. C. Campbell, lost his residence and all of its contents by fire, and Ephraim Barnes met a similar loss.

The Beatrice Express says, "There have been shipped from Beatrice during the fall of 1876, and to the present date, about 300 car loads of wheat, besides a large quantity of flour—from two to three car loads per week." This indicates the grain business of that flourishing little city.

The Beatrice Express records a case of "body-snatching"—grave-robbing at Blue Springs. Mrs. Elizabeth Sommers wife of Levi Sommers, died near Blue Springs on the 15th of December and was buried on the Thursday following. Some four days ago Mr. S., who came to our county in October last from Illinois, made arrangements to have the body of his deceased wife taken back to their old home near Springfield. On opening the grave, however, it was discovered that the corpse had been stolen. The villains had cut out and torn the grave clothes from the body and left them in the coffin, and left many other marks of their sacrilegious violence and heathish depravity.

The following from the Fairbury Gazette is the truth: "Taking a general view of the Senatorial field, we are satisfied that Hitchcock's chances are improving, and this is to a great extent owing to the development of the weak points in the line of attack that has been conducted solely with a view to defeating him by using every instrumentality both fair and unfair. We do not believe that he is the best man in the field, neither is he worst; but we do believe that he is fully as honest and competent as those who are arrayed against him, and can say that he has conducted his canvass with a dignity and consistency that has done more than words could do to refute the charges against him.

The Brownville Advertiser favors a new capitol building at Lincoln, because it wants the capital to remain there permanently. Of course, that's just what Lincoln wants its for, too! But we doubt if the people want to pay so much for that whistle—Keosauqua Times.

Well, we like to see people consistent—that's all. A convention of their representatives said we must have a legislature of 14 when our houses were made to accommodate 52, and these constitution makers knew it of course. Now, as they did not make a legislature to fit the house, they must make a house to fit the legislature. We don't care whether it is a "new capitol building" or the old one remodeled, but suppose the former would be the cheapest in the long run.

The Bloomington Guard is calling attention to a proposed District Fair for the Republican Valley. It says, "It was proposed at the late State Fair, that the Republican Valley counties hold a district fair next year, and as Franklin county obtained the highest prize, was in a measure entitled to a fair consideration, and that a preliminary meeting be held at Bloomington, in the fore part of January 1877."

The Editorial Association of the State will meet in Lincoln, January 4th, in the parlors of the Commercial Hotel.

Ex-Senator Nye, of Nevada, is dead. He had been insane for the last year or two.

In a glove fight in Revere Hall, Boston, on the 28th ult., between McDermott and Davidson, the latter received injuries from which he died in the hall.

The report that Adams' Express Co. lost \$1,000,000 by the recent fire on the Erie railroad is officially contradicted.

The New York Herald warns Hayes that the people will expect him to carry out his own policy. There's an opinion as is an opinion, showing how the Herald feels on its well days.

Members of the Senatorial committee in South Carolina, say that evidence already taken far more than sustains all that has been alleged by republicans concerning frauds committed by democrats, and that instead of Hayes' majority being 1,000 or thereabouts, the republican national and state tickets have on the face of the vote 2,500 to 3,000 majority in the state.

New Haven, Dec. 28.—A heavy shipment was made to-day of munitions of war for the Turkish government. The value of the cargo is nearly \$1,500,000.

On the 26th, at Ft. Scott, Frank Terze fatally stabbed Ezra Reynolds. Thus the way an old feud was settled.

The convent of the Sisters of Providence at Quebec was destroyed by fire on the 20th ult., and 14 of the inmates perished in the flames.

The Brooklyn Board of Education has decided by a majority of 23 that it is neither expedient nor practicable to introduce the study of German in the schools that of city. One of the arguments of the minority is this: "One of the dangers that threaten the American people in the not distant future, if unprovided for, is the development of a large and influential class that is kept separate and distinct in habits of thought and life from the rest of the community."

Near Boston recently, three men, John Riely, Jas. Reagan and Thos. Barnes, were covered under a landslide and killed.

At Boston on the 28th ult., Jas. A. Cooe convicted of forgery, committed suicide in prison.

They have a first class scandal in Indianapolis. A prominent citizen named Child and his niece, a Mrs. Robinson, eloped together. Both married folks. Child was Superintendent of a Sabbath School and a "pillar in the church."

The centennial of the battle of Trenton was celebrated Tuesday of last week at Trenton by a sham battle. The Hessians were again defeated and compelled to surrender. The dead were carried into the neighboring saloons and restored to consciousness.

A man at Bonville, Mo. last week named Henry Schreck was crushed to death under his wagon which he was driving and turned over upon him. It may be pertinent to add that in his pocket was found a half bottle of whisky.

The firm of Chipman, Stone & Co. of New York and Yokohama Japan, has failed. Liabilities about \$500,000. At Decatur, Ill. on the 28th six men in the jail overpowered the keeper and escaped.

Here is a fair sample of Democratic blundering, or worse, from the Galveston News: "The Republican party is on the wane, it figures prove anything. The net loss of the organization in the Northern States for this year over the vote of 1868 is 238,378, for 1876 over 1872 it is 621,429."

The New Orleans Times argues that the South cannot afford to commit self-destruction when there is no occasion for suicide, as in the present political crisis. It holds that because the Northern Democrats are in the dumps is no reason why the South should be particularly miserable. It wants the South to quit sentimentalizing and turn its attention to cotton, tobacco, and rice.

Col. McLaughlin, the champion wrestler of Detroit, was recently defeated in a contest in Boston, by James Owens, of Fairfield, Vt. Owens is a farmer and weighs 350 pounds less than McLaughlin. The backers of McLaughlin say the reason of his being thrown was a strained ankle which he received in New York and was not yet well.

On the 26th ult., there was a terrible oil explosion and conflagration at Oil City, Pa. The boiler house of the American Transfer Company's station took fire, followed by an explosion against an iron tank containing about 15,000 barrels of oil, bursting the tank and setting it on fire. The total loss on oils is about 35,000 barrels, and five iron tanks—two owned by Cochrane, and one by the American Transfer Company. There were six Erie Railway boiler cars burned. Loss estimated at \$200,000, partially insured. The American Transfer Company will commence rebuilding at once.

A Moscow paper says that Russia is a State of 50,000,000 peasants, who can not lose anything by war, even if their villages should be destroyed, for they do not own anything.

Rev. Wm. Monck was a Methodist minister of Yorkshire, until lately, when he turned Spiritualist. The authorities were very prompt in his case, and now he is serving out a three-month term, at hard labor, in jail, under the vagrancy act.

At Davenport last week an officer shot and killed a desperate character named Pat Murphy, who resisted arrest on charge of robbery.

Near New Providence Ill., on the 25th ult., George Standafer was thrown from a horse and killed.

Recently at Washington City while Miss Claxton was playing the Two Orphans there was a panic occasioned in the densely crowded hall, by a man having a fit. For a while the audience thought the building was on fire and in the rush several people were injured.

Adam Dieffenbach, residing at St. Jacobs, Ill., near St. Louis, was waylaid murdered and robbed a few days ago while returning from St. Louis where he had been with a wagon load of marketing.

At Morgantown, Ind. recently a young man named Will Taylor before starting on a hunt pulled the cock of his gun back with his toe while he put his mouth over the muzzle—his toe slipped and he died instantly.

James Rough, of Lafayette Ind., was killed by the cars last week.

At Dubuque, Iowa, on the 27th a little boy was killed by a sleigh running over him as he attempted to jump on to the passing vehicle.

Freeman Cargin who engaged in the murder of Smith's wife and paragon, Alexander, a Chesham Mich. has been tried and sentenced to imprisonment for life.

At Little Rock, Ark., on the 28th ult., Thomas Hervey and Dr. Jones fought, the latter was killed and the other badly wounded.

At Springfield, Mo., on Christmas day, Chas. Leighton killed two men. He stabbed one and in the evening at a ball, shot a young man named Mason.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 1.—John W. Harrington arrived here from Columbus, O., to-day bringing the Democratic electoral vote of the State which he delivered to the President pro tem of the Senate. Mr. Baxter, President

of that college, requested Secretary of State Howe to affix the seal of the State to the magazine and powder, and that before they are not thus officially indorsed.

What Ben. Hill of Georgia Says about the Situation.

The following from Ben. Hill is the most sensible of anything we have seen emanating from a Democratic source.

Mr. Hill says: "The political situation was never so critical as now. Our constitutional system is a magazine of powder and ten thousand foils, and some that are not foils, are striking matches all round it.

None but cool men and patriots who love country more than office should avert the most horrible civil war that ever disgraced and destroyed liberty and humanity. And yet there never was less excuse for any war in the history of the world.

Such a war, if it come, will be the culmination of human crime in the dastardly destruction of human rights by a disgraceful scramble for office. In the late election both Mr. Tilden and Mr. Hayes received some votes. Will it not be better to have either President than to have a ruler who received no votes? He is too stupid for argument who does not see that the last alternative is possible. But whoever may or may not be made President by Returning Boards or bayonets, one thing is certain: Mr. Tilden cannot and will not be made President unless he is made so by a fair honest count of the votes of the people.

That count can be neither fair nor honest unless it be had under interpretations of the Constitution long accepted and by methods of procedure long established. The party that now sits in the White House, or that may be a party in rebellion and treason against the Constitution, the Union, and the people.

I am therefore, in favor of a fair and honest constitutional count of the votes of the people.

I am laboring to secure that count, and when secured, I shall believe it will be the end of every other man North and South, who is not willing to destroy his country.

I am brave enough to want peace, but not cowardly enough to accept dishonor.

I believe we can avert all the calamities I now so much dread. If we can peacefully inaugurate the man elected by the people, we will have a new era of long peace of constitutional government. If we cannot, then our system will perish and my friends will find me on the front line of the fatal charge in its defense.

Small Pox.

The following paragraph is going the rounds of the press, and it may possibly be of value in some section before the winter is over:

"I am willing to lose my reputation as a public man," wrote Edward Hine to the Liverpool Mercury, if the worst case of Small pox cannot be cured in three days, simply by the use of cream of tartar. One ounce of tartar dissolved in a pint of water, drunk at intervals, when cold is a certain never-failing remedy. It has cured thousands, never leaving a mark nor tending to weakness, and avoids tedious lingering."

Hear Keenan! Speaking of the removal of the government arms at the St. Louis Arsenal, he says:

The manner in which Floyd placed the larger part of the military supplies of the country within reach of the Southern rebels in 1861 is still remembered. It is not forgotten that the advantage gained by his treason was but momentary, and counted for nothing when the country was fairly avenged.

Of course. That is to say, when Keenan and Storey and the other patriots of the Chicago Times got fairly aroused, all these treasonable acts of Floyd counted for naught, but rebellion was not to be suppressed until the treasonous charge of loyalty. Who would suspect now, to hear Mr. Keenan's paper talk about the traitor Floyd and the grand uprising of the United States, that he had not been suppressed during the war for its traitorous utterances in favor of Floyd and that there was serious talk of hanging his effigy from the lamp-post in front of his office.—Inter-Ocean.

General B. F. Butler publishes a card to explain that his views on the Presidential question have been in the interview above. He says that he is speaking of a proposed compromise of the question between Tilden and Hayes, and I said that there was but one compromise possible. Every body else who has an opinion on the subject has said that it is not and have not given any opinion of taking that card. I simply pointed out a row which might be taken by anybody chose to take it, no more nor no less."

One democrat in Louisiana is honest enough to acknowledge that he is disgusted with the bulldozing business, every body else who has an opinion on the subject has said that it is not and have not given any opinion of taking that card. I simply pointed out a row which might be taken by anybody chose to take it, no more nor no less."

Hayes has certainly carried the State by 8,700 votes more than Tilden although I voted for Tilden, of course being a democrat. And I will say further, that on a fair count the State would be declared elected, because General Grant was never elected more clearly or honestly than Hayes is now. The republicans have not had a fair chance. We have gone to the State with our own plan. There is nothing left for us after this contest, and if Hayes is declared elected this time, every body else who has an opinion on the subject has said that it is not and have not given any opinion of taking that card. I simply pointed out a row which might be taken by anybody chose to take it, no more nor no less."

The New Orleans Times reviews the action of the Democrats' Congress on the commercial claims of the South. The Holman resolution, it claims, was a stupid and transparent dodge—a dodge altogether unworthy of the party. The Times demands that Southern Congressmen shall now assert themselves and demand consideration of the leave bill and other bills, and says: "Let us know who our friends are. Let us know if we are always to be used to succor our Northern allies, and always snubbed when we ask a recognition of our wants. Let us know if we are to be treated as a liver and a liver, as a matter of an issue." And when the matter

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