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The Pith of Politics.

Lyman Trumbull can hardly enjoy the attention he is receiving. The Hartford Evening Post notices him in this way:

"The only prominent salary-grabber who accepted the steal and has the face now to charge the Republicans with official misconduct is Lyman Trumbull, the Democratic candidate for governor of Illinois."

The Leadville (Col.) Herald discusses what has been settled by the war, and arguing from undisputed facts, concludes:

"Settled! There is nothing settled. It takes two parties to make a settlement. The Republicans and Union men thought everything was settled, and so it was, as far as they were concerned, but the other side have never said or thought so, and now that they are encouraged by the possibility of success, they are beginning to recall their sentiments."

What with John Kelly and the rival Democratic chiefs shaking the dice-box under his eyes to parcel out the New York local offices, and the flocks of cormorants daily taking flight to Governor's Island, General Hancock must begin to have a poor opinion of his present associates. It was reserved for his nomination to bring thimble-rigging prominently forward as a factor in Democratic politics.

To the farthest edge of American civilization, the Democratic method is fully understood. The Leadville (Col.) Herald says:

"It has been supposed that the Mississippi had passed out of date, and that murder for opinion's sake would no longer disgrace the annals of our political history, but a Southern paper says—'let the Mississippi plan be restored,' and we acknowledge with shameful sorrow that we have been mistaken."

There are two arguments fatal to Democracy, says the Albany (N. Y.) Evening Journal:

"A Democratic restoration can only be accomplished by doing violence to the dictates of patriotism. The party which now clamors for the reins of power, which demands that the government of this country be placed in its hands, is the party which not so very long ago furnished all the means that took up arms with the determination of destroying the Union."

"If a Democratic restoration can only be accomplished by endangering the prosperity of the country, all branches of trade and industry are doing well. The merchant and manufacturer are prospering. There is work for all who apply. No man who is not lazy or incompetent need be idle a day."

The Philadelphia Press comes to the point in this way:

"We may safely challenge any champion of the Democratic party to name a single act to preserve the Union or to restore our prosperity which the Democratic party has not opposed. What part has it borne in either of these great movements except that of obstruction and hostility? No fact of history is more clearly demonstrable than this persistent and vicious antagonism of the Democratic Representatives and organization to all the measures adopted to save the Nation and re-establish its business progress."

Roseburg, Oregon, is remote from the centre of information, but political matters are thoroughly understood. The Plaindealer says of the Democratic party:

"Now it denounces the army and nominates a second-rate, fast-living, torpid-looking soldier for President. It denounces National Banks and nominates a first National Bank President for its Vice-President."

Nowhere in the nation are the pending issues hidden under a bushel. The Cleveland (O.) Leader has this information:

"The existing feeling has been well expressed by one of the most prominent manufacturers of Connecticut. On a recent occasion he remarked that, as a business investment, the manufacture of that State could well afford to spend half a million dollars than have their present prosperous condition disturbed by a Democratic victory in November."

Democracy, among its new afflictions, has been visited with color blindness and an utterly inability to distinguish between the blue and the gray. The Ohio (Columbus) State Journal relates several instances of this most lamentable disease. The worst case, at the moment, is that of Senator Thurman in his speech at Columbus, (O.) where he seemed to insist that if there is any difference, the gray is a little blue. Doubting Democrats are advised to get a copy of his speech and read it carefully. It will probably not be circulated by the Democratic National Committee, and applications should be made direct to Senator Thurman.

General Grant has a happy faculty of saying apt things at apt times. His brief saying concerning the Republican party: "It will not do to be beaten now," tingles the nerves of the Nation as in 1864 did his famous telegram: "I propose to fight it out on this line if it takes all summer."

The Cincinnati Commercial brings to the public notice the cloud of danger now hardly so large as a man's hand. "When there is a member of the Democratic party able to read, write and cipher who doesn't know that the whole pretense that Tilden was elected President grows out of the political influence of bloody murder, nullifying the Constitution of the United States, and the true character of the wrongs how about the fraud of 1876 becomes apparent. It is an in-tellectable denunciation of the determination of the Democratic party to rule in perpetuity the rights of Electors or the terms of law, and that amounts to a threat of civil war."

Even in Indiana the average Democrat has not learned the value of reticence. The Indianapolis Journal says:

"The best Democratic speech of the campaign was made recently at Martinsville by Hon. Sol Claypool, of this city. He advocated the absolute independence of the States, even going so far as to deny the principle of secession. He declared that the war on the part of the government was a crime, and that the Southern people were victims. This, he argued, entitled them to remuneration for their losses, and their soldiers to equal rights with our own, which he predicted would be secured to them by Hancock's election."

Concerning the business aspect of the political question, the Boston Daily Advertiser says:

"The finances, which a few short years ago were in such a condition that the business of the country was regarded as a gigantic speculation, are now firmly established on the bed rock of a gold basis. The merchant no longer stands upon a shifting bottom. The proceeds of his sales no longer are regarded as a value of which he is probably sure, but which he predicted would be secured to them by Hancock's election."

A financial suggestion is aptly made by the Washington (D. C.) Republican:

"The election of Hancock would, of course, be a condemnation of Sherman's financial policy. All his theories are pronounced false; all his acts are declared pernicious, all his experiments are regarded as failures. If Hancock should be elected a change would be inevitable, because of the want of faith in Sherman's system; because of the promise to relieve the country from the burdens its trials has imposed."

Hardly had he returned to Galena, when Gen. Grant wrote:

"The Republicans seem to feel great confidence in carrying New York and Indiana. If they do, we are safe, and another four years will probably see the breaking up of the Democratic Party and the organization of two national parties exercising their franchise freely, without fear, in all sections alike."

Even from the depths of the Atlantic Ocean comes a protest against Democracy. Just before he sailed on that fatal voyage in the City of Vera Cruz, the gallant Gen. Torbert wrote to an old comrade in arms:

"I have known Gen. Hancock for 25 years, and like him, but I can't stand the company, politically, that he is with. I hope no Republican of the old brigade will desert Garfield, for this fight is about as important as any we had between 1861 and '65."

Everywhere the situation is clearly seen. The St. Louis Globe-Democrat says:

"Indiana is the battle-ground this year. The election of Porter in October means the election of Garfield in November. It is not true, however, that the election of Landers in October means the election of Hancock in November."

Wade Hampton's lame defense still attracts attention. The Atchison (Kan.) Champion thus notices it:

"The Wade Hampton case has passed through three stages of defense. First, he didn't say it at all, and the passage was a forgery; second, he said it, but his meaning was misconstrued; third, he said it, but there is no harm in it any way. It would have been much wiser to have adopted the last defense."

General Weaver is not much of a comfort to Democratic politicians. Last Monday the democracy were rejoicing over Maine, General Weaver in Cooper Institute, New York, made the following statement of Democratic methods in Alabama. He said:

"The Democratic party in Alabama, the Judges of election who sit behind a screen so no one can see them, look at his ballot, and if it suits them they put it in the box; but if it doesn't suit they tear it up and put another that doesn't suit them. This is the condition of affairs in the South to-day. Greenbackers certainly cannot refuse to believe such testimony. General Weaver does not over draw the picture. The people of Alabama, but there is no harm in it any way. It would have been much wiser to have adopted the last defense."

The Atlanta Constitution is getting the blues—listen:

In the present aspect of affairs the Democratic outlook is not the most hopeful in the world, and we write this in order that our readers may place themselves in the proper frame of mind to bear a possible disappointment with the patient complacency of men who are prepared for the worst. The Democrats of Indiana are threatened with defeat. While hoping for the best, we may go for the worst. Indiana may go for the best, but all the information goes to show that the campaign in that State has been arrested and impeded. We would not, therefore, advise our readers to make any great preparations for a Democratic victory in November unless Indiana rolls up a Democratic majority in October.

An Annapolis correspondent says that a natural curiosity died there a few days ago. The child was of colored parentage, and when born had white curls, but representing sheep's wool. The eyes were of a pinkish color, and the complexion was snow-white, with a slight tinge of red on the cheeks. It very closely resembled a large wax doll which had been exhibited in a shop window, and which the mother of the child had frequently admired and expressed an anxious desire to purchase, but was unable to do so. The physicians pronounce it a remarkable case of tissue nature.

An unknown exchange tells this good story: They stopped, looked and commented upon his being drunk or asleep. Finally one said: "O come along, can't you see the fellow's drunk?" Up came the head of the drowsy individual, and his eyes half-closed, leered at the man who had just spoken, as he answered with a big oath: "Yes, I'm drunk, but I can't get over that. You're drunk as his foot, and you'll never (hic) get over that."

The condition of the potato crop as reported September 1 shows a decline compared with 1879. The acreage for the whole country is 4 per cent. less than last year at the same date.

A Virginia paper concludes a report of a political meeting with the remark: "After speeches had been made by fourteen other generals, the convention adjourned."

POLITICAL NUZZLES.

"Closed for repairs"—Wade Hampton's mouth.

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The solid South, including West Virginia and Maryland, need for the last five years \$28,000,000 internal revenue taxes. The solid North paid \$88,700,000. Illinois alone paid nearly as much as the whole South, namely, \$23,000,000.

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A TERRIBLE INDIOTMENT.

A Texan Chapter From General Hancock's History.

The Austin (Texas) Wochenblatt has just furnished its German readers with a chapter of history which is important in this connection. In 1868 a State Constitutional Convention assembled in Texas, and appointed a committee to examine into and report upon the condition of that State as respects the notable increase of crime and the non-execution of the laws. On the 28th of June, 1868, the committee reported, and its report was subsequently unanimously adopted. The following concluding part is quoted from the Wochenblatt, and may be found on page 193 of the proceedings of the Texas Reconstruction Convention of 1868:

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Why the Needle Points Northerly.

A San Francisco gentleman lately wrote to the Superintendent of the U. S. Coast Survey, Professor C. T. Patterson, asking the reason why the magnetic needle points to the north. In reply Professor Patterson wrote as follows, and possibly many more than the original inquirer may be glad to read his simple statements of the facts of the case:

The reason why the needle points in the northerly direction is that the earth in itself is a magnet, attracting magnetic poles of the ordinary magnets do; and the earth is a magnet as the result of certain cosmic facts, much affected by the action of the sun. These laws have periodicities, all of which have not as yet been determined.

The inherent and ultimate reason of the existence of any fact in nature, as gravity, light, heat, etc., is not known further than it is in harmony with all facts in nature. Even an earthquake is in perfect harmony with, and the direct resultant of, the action of forces acting under general laws.

A condensed explanation in regard to the needle pointing to the northward is as follows: The magnetic poles of the earth do not coincide with the geographical poles. The axis of rotation makes an angle of about 23 degrees with a line joining the former.

The present magnetic pole is at present near the Arctic circle on the meridian of Omaha. Hence the needle does not everywhere point to the astronomical north, and is constantly variable within certain limits. At San Francisco the needle points 12 degrees to the east of north, and at Galois, Maine, as much to the west.

At the northern magnetic pole a balanced needle points with its north end downward in a plumb line; at San Francisco it is about 12 degrees, and at the southern magnetic pole the south end points directly down.

The action of the earth upon a magnetic needle at its surface is of about the same force as that of a steel magnet 40 inches long, strongly magnetized, at a distance of one foot.

The foregoing is the accepted explanation of the fact that the needle points to the northward and southward. Of course no ultimate reason can be given for this natural fact any more than for any other observed fact in nature.

How to Make Moss Baskets.

Very beautiful baskets for holding flowers can be made of the long and more feathery kinds of mosses. We have made them often, and never do either garden or wild flowers look more lovely than when set in a verdant border of that most delicate and beautiful material, which, by proper management, may be made to preserve its freshness and brilliancy many months.

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