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It is significant that the populists did not carry a single southern state. The solid south remains unbroken. This is food for reflection, bitter reflection.

The democrats who are now in control of the state of Alabama propose to do away with the bulk of the colored vote by remitting the taxes of poor people who can prove that they have not voted at preceding elections. This is somewhat neat in bribery, and the triumphant democracy is very sure that it will win. The way to meet this kind of business is to base the representation in congress upon the vote cast and not the population found by the enumerators. The south will never be represented in congress properly until some arrangement of this kind is made. If the colored man is not good enough to vote, the white men of the south ought not to use him as a means of stuffing their congressional delegations.

INSURANCE companies doing business in Nebraska will be interested in the verdict rendered at Nebraska City giving a party whose property was only partially burned the full amount for which it was insured. This is the first case under the valued policy law passed by the last legislature, and the verdict is unquestionably in accord with the intent of the legislature. The act is very clear and explicit in its terms, and it was passed as a necessary protection to insurers, who formerly were largely at the mercy of the insurance companies. Now if a company takes a risk it does so with the full knowledge that it may have to pay what the policy calls for, regardless of the actual amount of damage. It can do as it pleases in assuming the risk, but it cannot settle on its own terms.—Bee.

It is interesting to read in the special dispatches from Washington that Mr. Cleveland feels that he was elected by the votes of republicans, and intends to so conduct himself as to send his name ringing down the ages as the only man who has dared to defy his party and be the president of the whole nation and not the patronage dispenser of any faction of the people. It is related that he intends allowing office holders who have been efficient to fill out their terms, and in cases where especial fitness has been shown, and no offensive partisanship has been manifested, the republican will actually be reappointed. This is not printed to discourage any of the democratic friends of the Journal who are confidently looking in the directed of the national capital. It is inserted merely as a sample of excellent imaginative work. For a dull season the Washington correspondents are doing remarkably well.—Journal.

The point which has been raised concerning the nativity of Mrs. Lease is an ignoble device of the adversary to defeat the senatorial aspirations of that enterprising and intrepid lady. Mrs. Lease is a simon-pure American. She was born in Pennsylvania long enough ago to render her eligible, so far as the question of age is concerned, to Mr. Perkin's seat. She is of Irish extraction, and there is just a sufficient amount of Celtic blood circulating through her arterial system to render her prompt in repartee and to impart a fervid eloquence to her discourse when she warms up to her subject. Besides, if her keen eyes had first beheld the light in distant Erin, that would not stand in the way of her ambition. Senator Beck of Kentucky was born in Scotland. Senator Pasco of Florida was born in England; Senator McMullen of Michigan was born in Canada, and other instances could be cited going to show that the attempt to disqualify Mrs. Lease on the fictitious plea of foreign birth, is a weapon formed against her by the enemy which cannot prosper.

HOGGING THE BUSINESS.

It rests with the railroads of the United States, and especially those in this section, to say whether the great fair of next year shall be a magnificent success or only a moderate one. Apparently the managers have resolved in favor of the latter. The passenger agents are reported to have determined to pinch the largest possible amount of money for the least practical service to the people who travel over their lines to and from the fair. In other words they have decided upon the policy of "hogging the business," squeezing out of it the last dollar that can be realized, and this without reference to the danger that such a course would damage the fair, restrict their own revenues, and call down upon them a universal condemnation as conscienceless grabbers.—Chicago Tribune.

EVIDENTLY they have faith down in Georgia in the promise of the democratic party to repeal the tax on state bank issues, and are preparing for it. A bill has been introduced in the legislature to allow state banks to issue notes, the law to take effect as soon as the governor is notified that congress has repealed the tax. Undoubtedly every southern state will follow the example of Georgia, for it was that section which inspired the plank in the democratic national platform demanding the repeal of the tax on state bank notes, and the desire of that section will be complied with by democratic congress. That Mr. Cleveland would approve a measure repealing the tax there can be no doubt and the restoration of state bank currency in the near future can be regarded as assured.—Bee.

A PROMINENT authority in New York says that there is evidence that but little wheat is left in the hands of farmers in consequence of the recent heavy crop movement and that prices are nearly at the low level. It is certainly time for the bottom to have been reached and it is to be hoped that the prediction is well founded.—Bee.

THE MACHINIST'S BALL.

It Was Largely Attended and Thoroughly Enjoyed.

There was a large and enthusiastic gathering of people in attendance upon the dance held in Menard's opera house, last evening, by the independent association of machinists of our city. The universal verdict is, too, that it was among the most delightful affairs of the kind held in McCook in many moons.

The hall was appropriately and quite tastefully decorated for the occasion, with bunting, mottoes etc., the effect being accentuated by the powerful rays of a number of locomotive headlights.

A bounteous repast was spread in the McEntee house and many enjoyed the fine menu prepared.

Reizenstein's orchestra made the music, which was of their usual excellent character.

The members of the organization may well feel satisfied with the result of their efforts to provide an evening of rare enjoyment.

At a recent meeting of the members of the McCook club the following officers and directors were elected for the ensuing year: John Hatfield, president; D. E. Bomgardner, vice-president; C. F. Babcock, secretary; George Hocknell, treasurer; directors, A. Campbell, George Hocknell, John Hatfield, J. E. Kelley, D. E. Bomgardner, S. L. Green, B. B. Davis, C. F. Babcock, L. W. McConnell.

Mr. Williams, a recent arrival from Missouri, has commenced building a frame dwelling on his farm near Perry station. It is after the 24x24 ft. standard.

The appointment of ex-Governor William M. Stone of Iowa to be commissioner to the land office, vice Carter, resigned, awards to the old Iowan an honor which he has thrice sought. He has been assistant commissioner during Harrison's administration and was a candidate for the place when Carter was appointed last year. He was governor of Iowa in the early seventies and has been in politics for forty years.—Bee.

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The railroads do not seem disposed to deal very liberally with the persons who propose to visit the World's fair. A 25 per cent reduction is not as heavy a cut as is usually made when a political convention is in session or a fraternal order holds its annual gathering. The assumption, no doubt, is that the passenger movement will be so great anyhow that the railroads can afford to dictate their own terms, but it is just possible that the high rate of fare may make many a person who would otherwise have gone to Chicago stay home next year.

THERE are so many "granger" conventions in session in various parts of this country that it is difficult to determine which is the genuine national body of grangers. It is certainly a sensible convention, however, which is now meeting at Concord, N. H., calling itself the National Grange, and which decided yesterday that farming does pay. But who is this "Mr. Working of Nebraska," who, in the face of our prosperity and the late state election, has the hardihood to raise the calamity cry that farming in this state doesn't pay?—Bee.

The Seward Blade is for sale.

ACCORDING to an English newspaper Baron Hirsch is the richest man the world has ever known. His income amounts to \$30,000,000 a year, and this means a capital of about \$500,000,000. As he does not live in the United States, our democratic friends hardly know what to say about this enormous fortune. It certainly cannot be charged to the wicked, immoral and indefensible system of protection.—Journal.

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