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POLITICAL.

ANNOUNCEMENT of candidates for offices—whether made by self or friends, and whether in writing or otherwise, communications to the Editor, are until nominations are made simply personal, and will be charged as advertisements.

All Announcements should be addressed to R. ROSEWATER, Editor and Publisher.

It is a source of gratification for working men to know that the *Herald's* opposition to the silver bill is primarily and almost solely due to Miller's fear that they would lose by the result.

THERE is a slight difference between the price for which Mr. Stout contracted to board, cloth and maintain the penitentiary convict of Nebraska and the price for which he has contracted to take the same care of the convicts of Wyoming. While Nebraska pays her sixty cents per day for the first two years, for each convict, furnishing her own prison, Wyoming only pays forty cents per day, and Nebraska furnishes her prisoners shelter.

THE thought that a Democratic Congress gives its attention to investigating various frauds in different departments of the government, occasions the New York *Sun* very much surprise. Dana can not lose sight of what he terms the "great fraud" whereby Congress decided Hayes elected President; but then Dana forgets that his assertion that Hayes secured his seat by fraud were true, that those noble Democrats in Congress who voted in his favor, and by their votes legalized his title beyond any appeal, would have to investigate them over or else declare themselves innocent.

MILLER'S known hostility to national banks and bond holding speculators has, as the *Herald* informs us, induced him to oppose silver remonetization. According to his expressed belief the passage of such an act would reduce the price of labor, and in consequence operate in the interests of the wealthy to the disadvantage of the working classes. This is the first time this noble guardian of working men's interests has stemmed the popular tide in advocacy of a cause in which no one possessed of a superhuman intellect could comprehend danger to the labor classes, and yet, also for the rarity of human charity, not one out of a hundred of the workingmen has even one word of thanks to offer in acknowledgment of Miller's gratuitous services.

EXAGGERATION OF HIGH SCHOOL EXPENSES.

The opponents of the High School in this city have taken the figures of expenses in conducting the central school building as a basis for misrepresenting the average cost per head of each scholar. In doing this they have charged up all the coal consumed in heating the primary and other departments against the High School classes alone and thereby produce the figure of \$80 per head as the annual cost of maintaining the High School classes. If the High School classes were abolished as they would wish and the building were only used for the other grades the cost of heating would, however, not be less than it is now. That the greater portion of the building and bulk of attendants at that school are not High School scholars is well known. This strange method of charges alone makes a difference of twenty-five per cent of the cost per head and instead of eighty dollars the actual figure are but sixty dollars.

The fact that the attendance at the High School is increasing and that it costs no more to teach a large than a small number evidences a gradual decrease per head each year.

SILVER MONETIZING SUSPECTED.

Senator Blaine has introduced a bill for silver remonetization which cannot be characterized other than a first-class fraud. It contemplates legalizing only five dollar tenders of silver, and requires payments for amounts in excess of five dollars to be half in gold and half in silver. The fact that various other measures by Eastern Senators with somewhat similar provisions, have been introduced, shows them to be a part of a scheme gotten up to create confusion and defeat the only clear position—that of Bland's—which is to restore the legal tender of silver to its original status before the treacherous bill of demonetization was smuggled through Congress. Senator Blaine, a year ago, was the recipient of strong and even enthusiastic support of the entire west, his present attempt to sustain the Wall Street sharks to the detriment of popular interests, and particularly those of the West, cannot but lose him their future endorsement. The silver proposition of Bland's is either right or else it is all wrong. If right, then it should be sustained and the law which was repealed by Congress will be restored. It is wrong if it should be opposed for its demerits. No evasion by subtleties of complicated amendments or substitutes will, draw up to confuse the main issue, will satisfy the public.

NEWED REFORMS IN THE INTEREST OF AMIGRATION.

Now that the public assessor will soon be coming around to appraise taxable property, would it not be expedient for our commissioners to canvas the propriety of getting a

large income during the time of the appraisal.

Girton, the English college for women, is crowded with students, and greater accommodations are loudly called for.

Amherst Agricultural College has determined to offer a free scholarship to a student from each Congressional district in Massachusetts.

Maine Agricultural College is in excellent condition and has a large number of students. The terms have been reduced from three to two years.

Trinity College, Oxford, has elected Dr. Newman to an honorary fellowship.

Yale College has so far overcome the odium theologicum which makes it so difficult to do justice to the genius of a Catholic, as to have conferred this honor at all upon a father of the oratory of St. Philip Neri, and the greatest of the English converts to Rome.

The trustees of John Hopkins University have decided that it is impracticable to adopt the suggestion of the Maryland State Teachers Association "whether it would be to the public good to issue two series of text-books from the primary division of studies, to Latin and Greek classics, and the other on mathematics, systematically graduated, so that each page in each book be complete in itself up to that stage of progress."

An energetic writer in the Boston Transcript complains that in high school education there is too much textbook aid—memory being made to do the work of analysis, judgment, reasoning; too many studies; too many insufficiently trained teachers, and a lack of ethical instruction. Of this he says: "The school would end up in great deal of the study now in our schools to make room for moral philosophy, for ethics and for political economy. It is a self evident fact that parents are lessening their home instruction. It is an unfortunate truth to contemplate, but, indeed, a truth. More and more is home training given up to the Sunday school and to the public school. We must recognize the fact, and master the situation. Pour into our free schools more instruction in morals, a thorough drill in ethics, and ample study of the law that should regulate the relations of social orders, labor and capital. Secure teachers, pure and unbiassed, and we do not rear honorable, high-minded, progressive men and women by this course, then we must acknowledge a permanent defeat."

A Gift to the Nation.

Miss Elizabeth Thompson, of New York, (her tribe) has purchased Carpenter's great painting of President Lincoln and his Cabinet, so familiar with the people of the country from the engraving of the work. President Lincoln expressed the desire before his death that the picture should belong to the nation. For many years Mr. Carpenter tried to sell it to the Government, a law providing for its purchase was smitten in 1873. The vast extension of railways in the country, and enterprise of iron masters have been closed that have been in operation steadily for the past fifty years. In South Staffordshire, where the iron masters still employ to keep the coal mines drained have been stopped, and the mines are steadily drowned out. A comparison shows that the value of the shares in fifty-nine iron companies in Yorkshire had depreciated twenty percent in the last ten years. 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