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The next time the firemen have a tournament they ought to hold it in September.

Mr. Cleveland has been attacked by Buffalo gnats, and his friends are trying to protect him with a patent fly net.

It will not be a walk-away for Jim Laird this time, even if the gravel trains run at full speed during the primaries.

If the handsome Ben Butler doesn't come to the front very soon, the ladies will all fly to the bosom of St. John.

Mr. Frewen wants to make a British province out of Wyoming, without as much as saying, "By your leave, ma'am."

St. John has accepted very promptly. He will not stand on ceremony, and has no stamp speech to palm off as a letter of acceptance.

The Omaha waterworks company is working its pumps too much. Can't the company give us more gravitation and less direct pressure?

Mr. Barkum again appears before the public as manager of the national democratic menagerie. The roads to Indiana are being cleared for a heavy shipment of mules.

It is a cold day when Ohio does not get an office. It was an Ohio man that carried off the prize in the Minneapolis race for commander-in-chief of the Grand Army.

The rights of the American hog have been entirely overlooked in all the platforms and letters of acceptance. The American hog must now look to Ben Butler.

Ben Butler's two-legged stool does not stand steady. He wants one more nomination.—Helma (M. T.) Independent.

He is bound to get it when the labor reform convention meets in Chicago.

Mr. Blaine can only induce the Joys, the McDonalds, the Elkinses, the Dorseys and the Spencers to keep in the background, and let the honest republicans make the fight he will have a walk-away. The ex-whiskey crooks and star-rotters are too numerous.

The ex-confederates are a great deal more grateful to their veterans than the loyalists of the north are to the men who fought to save the union.

It was just as we predicted. Mr. James E. Boyd was represented in the national democratic committee by Dr. George L. Miller.

The effect of the last revision of the tariff is plainly shown in the material reduction of the income from imports, which during the last fiscal year was \$10,622,745 less than during the preceding fiscal year.

The new commander-in-chief of the Grand Army of the Republic, John S. Kuntz, is the youngest man ever elected to that honorable position.

THAT GREAT FRAUD.

The choice of Thomas A. Hendricks as the candidate of the democracy for the second place on the national ticket is chiefly, if not entirely, due to the pretense that Hendricks has been a martyr of the "great fraud" of 1877.

It seems to us that it is high time that the hue and cry about the "great fraud" is the most unmitigated boob that has ever been raised in American politics.

In order to make their election sure the great reformers, Tilden and Hendricks, through their accredited political agents entered into a conspiracy to pack the electoral college by bribery.

Under the management of that intense reformer, Dr. George L. Miller, who was a member of the ex-executive national committee, and an aspirant to a cabinet position, Omaha was made one of the great distribution centers of Samuel J. Tilden's "bar."

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When the question of the disputed electoral returns came before congress the democrats controlled the lower house by a vote of 181 against 107.

That commission was an extra constitutional device. Congress alone had the right and duty to canvass the electoral returns and declare the result.

The "great fraud" was the official consummation by and with the consent of Thurman, Bayard, Payne, Field and Randall.

And now Mr. Hendricks is brought forth to avenge the terrible crime which was permitted by the leaders of his party and by himself, and by which he expected to come out winner.

REWARDING DESERTION. The man who, as a confederate, fought for the destruction of the Union, is at least entitled to respect for his bold and open attitude and for fighting for what he believed to be right.

During the war of the rebellion 277,644 men deserted from the Union armies. The "relief" act practically rehabilitates those who by any possibility might have been classed as unavoidably or unintentionally absent.

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"The American cowboy has of late been coming to the front with a whoop-ia. It was the cowboy who recently introduced the Spanish bull-fight upon American soil, and this grand and emulating sport, if not suppressed by Henry Bergh, may possibly become a popular American amusement."

They are performing a good work, and we are glad to note the fact that they are meeting with marked success.

CITY WALKS AND TALKS. "What time is it, Troxell?" asked a gentleman of Mr. B. F. Troxell, who pulled out a handsome gold watch, and replied that it was 2:30.

"My brother bought the property described on this watch case for \$15,500," resumed Mr. Troxell. "It was known as the Douglas property. The person from whom it took its name had been dead some time when the property was made."

"It has been a lively week in Omaha. The firemen's tournament, the circus, baseball, brass bands, and parades, have made it one continued round of pleasure and excitement."

LITERARY NOTES. "The Democratic Party; Its Political History and Influence," written by Prof. J. H. Patton.

"A Country Doctor." Miss Jewett's new novel, or rather her only one, since her previously published volumes have been made up of short sketches, is a very delightful book.

"The Campaign in Virginia." AN IMPARTIAL VIEW. RICHMOND, July 23.—The presidential campaign will be at white heat in Virginia in a short time.

Van Atwerp, Bragg & Co., of New York and Cincinnati, have published a very useful little volume, "The Elective Primary History of the United States," by Edward S. Ellis.

local writers? What do they get for it? A good sensational writer gets from \$125 to \$150 a week.

our country from its discovery to the present time. The elementary education of every child should include a knowledge of the leading events in the history of his native land.

"The Labor Question," by Wendell Phillips, and published by Lee & Shepard, Boston, is a little pamphlet containing the platform of the Massachusetts labor reform party.

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