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For President:
GROVER CLEVELAND,
OF NEW YORK.

For Vice-President:
THOMAS A. HENDRICKS,
OF INDIANA.

For Congress—Fourth Congressional District:
Hon. N. C. BLANCHARD,
OF CALIFORNIA.

—MAINE opens the fall elections on Sept. 8th.

—THE State of Morelos, Mexico, contributes \$2000 toward the World's Exposition.

—BALTIMORE is tickled to think that there is a greater depth of water in her harbor approaches than New York's or Philadelphia's.

—TOMAHAWK punch is a London mixture of champagne, green tea and curacao. As its name would imply it goes straight to the head.

—MR. J. R. McLean, of the Cincinnati Enquirer, has contributed \$15,000 from his private purse to the Democratic campaign fund in Ohio.

—NINE hundred and sixty-one of the 1300 inhabitant of a village of Saxony were attacked with trichinosis after eating the flesh of diseased pigs. Fifty-seven of them died.

—A CANVASS of Company D of the Boston Cadets showed the following: Republicans, 18; Democrats, 10; Independents, 6; total, 34. Presidential preferences, Cleveland 33; Blaine 1.

—THERE is a customer's store in Philadelphia which has added a new feature to its business. It now furnishes ready-made funeral outfits for funerals at a moment's notice. The proprietor says this funeral outfit branch of his trade is growing daily.

—THE other day in London two men who sold a painted sparrow for a canary were sentenced to three months imprisonment at hard labor, and just afterward two women who had beaten and half-starved three little children were sentenced to one week's imprisonment.

—THE Tribune of New York, admits that Blaine is a tattooed man, but adds, "so was Abraham Lincoln." The Tribune is undoubtedly prepared to produce letters from Lincoln asking to be let into a subsidized corporation on the ground floor, with the touching appeal: "I am confident that I will not be a dead head in the enterprise."—St. Louis Post-Dispatch.

—THE New Orleans City Item is in earnest when it says: "If there were to be as many executions in this city as there are murderers who deserve the rope, some of our newspapers would be compelled to enlarge themselves or materially curtail the 'full account' of the miserable scenes. After the commission of crime, the next misfortune is a too minute detail of its attending circumstances."

LOGAN'S LETTER.

But brief respite was allowed public curiosity after the remarkable but characteristic letter of acceptance from Blaine before we were afflicted with that conglomeration of revamped nonsense embraced in that of the Republican nominee for the Vice-Presidency.—The only parallel existing between the two is found in the windy verbosity of each. Each seemed to have adopted the maxim of Tallyrand, wherein he proclaimed "words were invented to conceal ideas." These two special specimens of Republican rhetoric are as remarkable for their profuseness of the former as the paucity of the latter, while that of Blaine, consummate and finished after its fashion. Logan's, though but a little briefer, is but a compound of stupidity. Blaine had the modesty or good sense to abjure the point on which Logan chiefly bases his hopes of success. Each dwells on issues past, with absolutely nothing new or desirable in the prospective. But Blaine is evidently the best tactician displays more regard for truth than did his stultified colleague on the Republican ticket. In some of the Independent journals it is facetiously dubbed as "Logan's Great Letter," most evidently in derision, as we will presently show. We would not inflict on our readers any special or detailed review thereof—"such game would not pay for the candle"—but content ourselves by calling attention to but one point, which he calls "equal rights of citizenship." Under that head he waves the bloody shirt to his heart's content, however much to the disgust of his readers. To fathom Mr. Logan aright it should be borne in mind that at the outset of his political career he was a most blatant Democrat; that from the position he then occupied, i. e. that of the most intense Abolition hater—actually a hunter of fugitive slaves to restore them to their masters, he now plays the roll of the most devoted negro worshipper. Such is his hatred of everything Southern displayed on all occasions, and especially in this letter, so warped his judgment, so absolutely blind to facts, that he descends to absolute falsehood in his effort to fire the Northern heart on the subject of the iniquities, as he styles it, constantly practiced towards the freedmen by Southern whites, thus striving to keep alive those long since smoldering embers and animosities engendered by the late war, but now happily become extinct in the bosoms of all except the few of which Mr. Logan is a shameless example and exponent. As this bloody shirt doctrine seems to be the only hook left on which to hang a hope, he is destined soon to find it but a rope of sand. He has allowed ambition to warp and runaway with his judgment; he is emphatically of that class of demagogues who never learn and never forget anything. We will take leave of this renowned hero, Gen. Logan, by commending to his special notice a few extracts from a most pronounced Independent newspaper on this which it calls "Logan's Great Letter." In a scathing review thereof the Philadelphia Times has this to say: "It must in justice be said, however, that a very little of such a letter will go a great way. Though the essay on the tariff is not as long as Mr. Blaine's the rest of the letter is a good deal longer. It wanders over the Ohio

cago platform with a superfluity of words and a paucity of knowledge that makes even the original resolutions respectable, and Blaine's chapter of history resplendent by comparison," etc. Again: "It is a sort of rambling commentary on the platform, utterly confused and contradictory and hopelessly illogical, and it seems adapted to the intellectual development of the period when Logan was a member of the Illinois Legislature from Egypt." We cannot quote further, but from the extracts given it may be judged of the contemptible estimate in which it is held by those so capable of judging.

—THE following good story is told by an exchange about ex-Gov. Vance, of North Carolina, noted for his humor. One of the liveliest campaigns that was ever carried on in North Carolina was the one in which Vance and Judge Settle competed for the governorship. They carried on a joint debate. All the white emigrants turned out to hear Vance, and all the colored Republicans to hear Settle. On one occasion, at the conclusion of the speaking, Vance was informed that there were some charming young ladies who desired to testify their devotion to the Democratic party by kissing the Democratic candidate for governor. Nothing loath, Vance descended from the platform and kissed a dozen or so young beauties from the Old North State, when he paused long enough to turn around toward his competitor and shout: "Settle, I'm kissing my women; you kiss yours!" On account of their race and previous condition of servitude, Settle did not kiss the feminine Republicans.

GLORIOUS VICTORY, 18 TO 4—The Shreveport nine have met the celebrated Dallas nine on their own grounds and have scored a victory so complete as to surprise the most sanguine and enthusiastic of their numerous admirers. The reputation of the Dallas Browns, acquired in many close contests, is very high. Indeed they are considered the best ball players in the south, and their pitcher, Crawford, is so powerful that very few men could hold his balls. The victory of the Shreveport nine is glorious indeed. All honor to our boys who have done up the Dallas Browns by a score of 18 to 4 Yes, friends, "done 'em up" brown.—[Shreveport Times.

—BEN Butler always has a single eye on the main chance, and is believed to be holding off from allegiance to get a bid. A Washington paper states that were Gov. Cleveland to signify at this time his willingness (if elected) to make Butler a member of his Cabinet, and to let him dispense the New England patronage, the Governor would have the hearty support of fifteen minutes. Judging by his record, Gov. Cleveland is the last man that would make such a bargain.

—It is a splendid indication of a healthy public sentiment in the unanimity with which the Hon. N. C. Blanchard is being supported for reelection to Congress from the Fourth Congressional District. It is also a deserved compliment to the faithful discharge of his duties. He has proven himself to be an able, zealous, energetic and capable representative. He will undoubtedly be unanimously nominated and overwhelmingly elected.—[Democratic Review.

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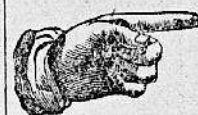
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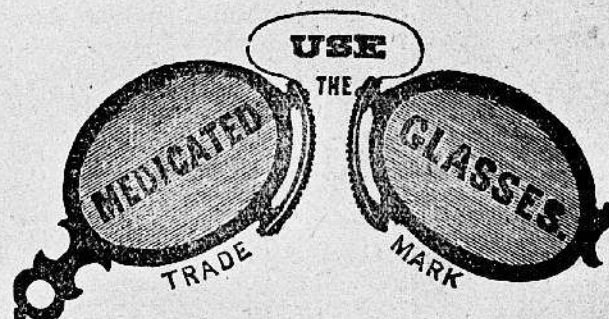
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