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NATIONAL DEMOCRATIC TICKET

For President:

GROVER CLEVELAND,
OF NEW YORK.

For Vice-President:

THOMAS A. HENDRICKS,
OF INDIANA.

For Presidential Electors:

State at Large:

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Third District.....Isaiah D. Moore
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Fifth District.....G. L. Gaskins
Sixth District.....John H. Stoue

For Congress—Fourth Congressional District:

HON. N. C. BLANCHARD,
OF CALDO.

—THE Philadelphia Times states that Joaquin Miller's real name is "Cincinnati Huier Miller."

—THE fence cutters are at their mischief again in Borden county, Texas. They cut eight miles of fence on the 10th.

—THE Sugar Bowl and Farm Journal puts the extreme limit of the sugar crop this year at 150,000, a decrease of 30 per cent.

—A CHICAGO hotel keeper recently had a man arrested for stealing a cake of soap. How the cake of soap got into a Chicago hotel is not explained.

—THE brewers' metropolitan district, including New York, Brooklyn, Queens, Westchester, Staten Island, and Jersey City, produced 180,000,000 gallons of beer the past year.

—THE drummers in the several States of the Union are called on to meet in State conventions and appoint Presidential electors, and to urge an enthusiastic support of Mulhatton, their candidate.

—THE President is thinking of appointing Cornelius N. Bliss Secretary of the Treasury. He probably wants to have it said of the closing days of his administration that Bliss reigned in its councils.

—Mrs. Olive Cleveland Clarke, of Boston has just celebrated her ninety-ninth birthday. Her mother lived to be 104, and her father ninety. A sister of her father, aged ninety-seven, and a brother, eighty-five, are still living.

—THAT liveliest of Texas journals, the Houston Post, is improving with age, and we consider it one of our most readable exchanges. May no shadow of trouble come o'er its pathway, as through year to year it progresses is the earnest wish of the DEMOCRAT.

—No one can doubt that Cleveland is a true friend of the workingmen. There never were signed in the State of New York as many bills in the interest of working people as have been signed since he has been Governor. He has established a bureau for collection of the statistics of labor. He has signed bills to abolish the prison contract system; to prevent the labor of children under certain ages in the reformatories of the State, and to make the wages of the workingmen a preferred debt in all cases.

The necessity of closing the Atchafalaya river is a question which, just about now, is attracting a great deal of attention, particularly among the steamboat fraternity, or more properly speaking those who own and run steamboats in Red River. As one of our best informed contemporaries puts the matter, "the enormous increase of the volume of water of the Mississippi passing the Atchafalaya has had the scouring action on the bed which otherwise would have been at work on the Mississippi bottom, and the effect has been a cutting away to great depths, so that now the Atchafalaya is probably the most turbid and dangerous stream in the country."

Capt. Sinnott and Boardman, the latter one of the oldest and most experienced Red River steamboatmen living, both admit and say that it is dangerous and an act of folly to one moment think of divorcing the Red and Mississippi rivers, and say that the more proper plan to be adopted would be the shoaling of the Atchafalaya, as intended by Capt. Eads, so that in six or seven years the effects of this change would be felt and navigation benefited. Any sensible or fair-minded person is bound to concur in the opinions of these gentlemen, who, when it comes to such a question as the one above quoted know what they are talking about. We are of opinion that Major Harrod, of the River Commission, and just now the only person to whom we can look for help or assistance, should at once go to work in this important matter, and not dilly-dally any longer, and on his immediate action depends the ultimate restoring of what properly belongs to the streams that in years gone by were navigable, far more so than now.

—ONE of the greatest political demonstrations ever seen in the city of New York swept through its streets yesterday, almost from noon to midnight. It began in the busiest haunts of trade, where men rallied regardless of past political affiliations, to no party standard but to the support of principles of honesty in public affairs. Four years ago business men were averse to a change. They felt a distrust of the Democratic party and feared the consequences of an overturning of the public service and the possible introduction of new policies, and they organized to support the Republican candidate. Their influence was very great in the canvass of this State, and in all probability turned the scale of the election. —[New York Times, Ind.]

—THE growth of Cleveland's popularity among the masses is evidenced by the following votes in three departments of the employes of the Western Union Telegraph Company in New York: The book-keeping department gives Cleveland 22 votes out of 30; the commercial news department gives Cleveland 16 out of 21; the operating department, out of 250 voters employed, gives Cleveland 182.

—THE report that President Arthur is engaged to be married to the daughter of Secretary Frelinghuysen, of New Jersey, is said to be rendered improbable by the fact that while the President has been the guest of her father, the lady has been visiting friends in Lennox, Mass., and intends to remain there until cold weather.

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