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NEWS BRIEFS.—The damage by the earthquake in India is greater than at first reported.

A treaty for the annexation of Hawaii will be sent to the Senate, it is said, shortly after the President's return to Washington from the South.

Not merely in the Senate of the United States, but out of doors, the Republican party appears to have been caused on the Tariff bill. The organs of the party are mute on the sugar schedule, or are reduced to the most puerile pleas in its defense. But the power of caucuses cannot be successfully applied to the ballot box, as the tools of the Sugar Trust will discover before they are much older.—*Philadelphia Record.*

Col. McClure, of the Philadelphia Times, in addressing the board of trade in Charleston, S. C., said: "The man who looks to legislation to restore prosperity is knave or fool and the sooner the people learn that legislation has nothing to do with the prosperity of a country, the better for them. Now, if he is right, then our revolutionary fathers were the biggest kind of fools to risk their lives, their fortunes and their honor to establish this government so they might legislate for themselves. This speech was widely published by the leading dailies and McClure is quoted as authority by the gold trust press and the founders of the government are ridiculed for believing that the condition of our people could be improved by proper legislation. What fools the founders of our government must be considered by Rothschild, gold trust agents and our leading dailies controlled by the trust and what a great man, Col. McClure, or any other man, who advocates foreign policies and don't believe in American independence, is regarded by them. It is an easy matter to become prominent and be invited to address boards of trade and feast at banquets if you'll only talk nonsense and believe in the cause of the coin and bullion gamblers in London and Wall street. Will our farmers be longer deceived?" H. S. M.

We give below some extracts from the Maryland Democratic Editors' Association. They are well written and our readers would do well to give them a careful perusal.

An article recently published it was shown how the illiterate colored voters, who were enfranchised under the amendments to the Constitution, have been held together as a compact political machine in the counties of this State where the masses of them reside, by virtue of a false sentiment of race prejudice deceitfully and skillfully imposed upon their credulity by a few unscrupulous white men in those communities, who have conspired together for the purpose of using the compact colored vote for their own personal and political advantage. It was there also shown that the more kindly disposed of the colored voters, who had been assured by years of friendly and neighborly intercourse with their white neighbors and friends that there was no necessary conflict of political interests between the two races, and who were, therefore, anxious to vote with their democratic neighbors, had been deterred from so doing for fear of the ostracism of their own race and especially of the resentment of their own families, resulting from the false prejudices thus selfishly and wrongfully aroused. It was also shown that many of these well disposed colored voters had under the old system of voting voted the desired opportunity of casting a secret vote for Democratic candidates, unknown to the influences feared, but that this opportunity had been deliberately taken away from them by a partisan trick in the Republican election law passed by the Legislature of 1865 under the disguise of "reform."

It having been thus shown in fact that the purpose and effect of the Republican election law is to reconsolidate the illiterate colored voters of the State into a compact political machine to blindly support the Republican party, composed only of a few white men in many of the counties, it is now proposed to show by statistical figures the composition of the Republican party in the several counties of Maryland and the city of Baltimore, with a view of disclosing to fair minded people the serious menace to the cause of good government in the State and the unequal and unjust advantages which accrue to a comparatively few white men as a result of the manipulation of the machine colored vote. The following table, compiled from figures given in the Baltimore Sun Almanac, shows the relative proportions of white and colored voters which go to make up the Republican party, as it stood at the last election, in the several counties and in the city of Baltimore, together with the representation of each in the General Assembly:

County.	Registered Colored Vote.	White Colored Vote.	Total Colored Vote.	White Colored Vote.	Votes in General Assembly.
St. Mary's	1,195	2,242	3,437	1,195	3
Charles	1,109	2,242	3,351	1,109	3
Calvert	1,196	2,242	3,438	1,196	3
Prince Georges	1,196	2,242	3,438	1,196	3
A. Arundel	1,196	2,242	3,438	1,196	3
Dorchester	1,196	2,242	3,438	1,196	3
Queen Anne's	1,196	2,242	3,438	1,196	3
Howard	1,196	2,242	3,438	1,196	3
St. Pauls	1,196	2,242	3,438	1,196	3
Washington	1,196	2,242	3,438	1,196	3
Allegany	1,196	2,242	3,438	1,196	3
Westmoreland	1,196	2,242	3,438	1,196	3
Harford	1,196	2,242	3,438	1,196	3
Cecil	1,196	2,242	3,438	1,196	3
Baltimore	1,196	2,242	3,438	1,196	3
Frederick	1,196	2,242	3,438	1,196	3
Carroll	1,196	2,242	3,438	1,196	3
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