

POLITICAL—NOTICE. During the present campaign the Record-Union will report the meetings of Republicans, Democrats, Workmen and Greenback Labor party with equal impartiality.

THE WEEKLY UNION. The Weekly Union during the business year just closed has had an unprecedented gain in subscription lists.

NEWS OF THE MORNING. In New York yesterday Government bonds were quoted at 109 for 4s of 1867; 104 1/2 for 5s of 1861; 111 1/2 for 4 1/2; sterling, \$4 3/4 to 5; silver bars, 114 1/2; silver coin, 4 discount buying, par selling.

The various Socialistic and Communistic schools and organizations have this year agreed to act together under the common and misleading name of Greenbackers. The latter organization was originally formed for the purpose of urging the adoption of false and mischievous currency doctrines, but it had no further object.

There is nothing new in any of the modern Socialistic or Greenbacker propositions. They are all old, all exploded, all effectually disproved by the most positive experience. But the conditions in which they are introduced are new, and this is the most singular phase of the whole matter.

It is certainly true that the people of Sacramento were aroused to the necessity of taking steps to improve the quality of the water supply of the city. We have put up far too long with the staple rubbish about the wonderful wholesomeness of dirty water.

When the Democrats first nominated Hancock they thought they had at last put their rebellion record behind them. They imagined that it would be easy to hide themselves behind his military reputation, and that the fact that their candidate was a Union soldier would disarm all suspicion of their alliance with the South.

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more travesty of the original phenomenon, and the introduction of which to this age shows a singular want of the power of adaptation and co-ordination in those who support it. The new world differs from the old in these two important points especially.

The South has abandoned nothing, and the South leads and controls the Democratic party. Hancock is a mere circumstance in the evolution of Democratic-Southern policy. He is accepted by the South because it is believed that he can be used, and the uses for which he is required are such as no lover of the Union can regard without the greatest apprehension.

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Very interesting reports are being sent concerning the relations between Russia and China. Strong efforts have been made to prevent the latter from declaring war against the former, but it seems probable that Russia believes a war to be unavoidable, for she has been proceeding steadily with her preparations despite all rumors of peaceful adjustment.

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which the voting masses must ask is, what is that end? The Democrats say that there are no longer any serious issues between the two great parties. The assertion is false. All the questions which have been in issue since the close of the rebellion are still in issue, and they have gained fresh importance from the audacious policy of the Southern leaders. The Democrats have no intention to follow out the Republican policy if they win the day.

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vention to ignore the question, and this is the sharpest commentary that has yet been made on the course of President Hayes in the premises. Owing to the persistence of Boston delegate a clause was introduced favoring reform principles in an indefinite and far-away fashion, but it was evidently understood that the whole issue was to be shelved as quickly as possible.

Another fatal boat accident is described in our telegraphic columns this morning. The number of these collisions during the past two months has been altogether unprecedented, and it is worth inquiring what the cause of such an epidemic of disasters is. Of course careful statistics would demonstrate that so many accidents occur every year on an average, but it is nevertheless quite possible that the occurrence of several such collisions in rapid succession is due more to nervousness and apprehension than to carelessness.

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