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Friday, October 21, 1881. THE Atlanta Constitution puts it, that Mahone probably knew that Uncle Jake Early would not leave his pistol caps at home.

IT SEEMS THAT Frank Hutton, of the Hawthorne Barley, is to get Tyrner's place. Frank has let out his waistband two holes.

DEALS seem to be inconvenient things to manage. It is bad to hit, worse to be hit, and sometimes it is worst of all to miss and be missed.

THERE is a great abundance of cotton now at Atlanta from all parts of the world. Gentlemen who go there for wives at this juncture may possibly get fooled.

THE silk crop over in Lyons this year has been much more successful than usual, but it is thought calico will hold its own for a few weeks yet among certain classes of our society.

IT SEEMS THAT the governor-generalship of Canada will soon be for rent. Lorner's paper doesn't agree with Gladstone on the Irish Land Bill, and a slight unpleasantness "have arose."

THE BALLOON BUSINESS has been so badly burst lately that there is a suspicion afloat that King has lost himself intentionally, in order to attract the attention of the inattentive public.

HALSTEAD has snakes again. He hears that some of the Stalwarts have already visited the Cincinnati post-office and picked out their desks. Firing will soon commence all along the line.

IN THE STRAMBLE for office that will soon be witnessed in this locality, we trust it will not be forgotten that one John D. DeFrees, of the Government Printing Office, would look well on the outside.

SOME of our Republican exchanges refer to Boutwell being "urged" to go into the Cabinet. That's good. There is fear that George may hold back so strong that his coat tails will come out by the roots.

IT HAS BEEN observed that Iroquois and Foxhall have done more to elevate the American character in foreign estimation than all the rich tourists that have visited Europe from this side during a generation.

OUT IN WISCONSIN the Democrats are trying to swamp Jere Rusk, the Republican nominee, by throwing taffy of various kinds at the Greenbackers and Temperance folks. Go to Ohio, thou slogger! Consider her ways and be wise.

WE OBSERVE THAT Capt. Payne has again been squatting on Indian Territory in his mind in the columns of a Kansas City paper. It is about time for the Captain to be on the move, unless he has prepared his stomach for frost-bitten pigs.

THAT THE CUFFED rings to-night seems only a bit of sentiment in the melody of an ancient ballad, but its practical revival in Ireland to-day by a public warning that all persons stay at home after nightfall shows indeed that the wolf is at the door.

A CONNECTICUT man is so devoted a Greenbacker that he makes paper nickels expressly for the use of the boll-weevil. If they have not the true ring, they look the thing all the same, and had a successful but short run in the streets of Cincinnati.

AN ENORMOUS FUND in the way of bribery and corruption is being opened up in the investigation of the affairs of the transport and commissariat operations of the Afghan campaign. The old East and the new West will institute in this manner a sort of balance of power, as it were.

MR. GROESBECK, of Ohio, claims that stamp duty is going into a decline and will soon be a thing of the past, as the press is taking its place. We assure Mr. G. that it will be a number of years yet before the press undertakes to print all the state jokes and pigeon English heard on these occasions.

IN BROOKLYN a lady has been awarded \$1,000 damages for wounds in her face, inflicted by a gun in the hands of a boy of 14 years of age. The lad, of course, claimed that he believed the weapon unloaded. A little penitentiary and a few heavy flogs could be wholesomely applied to the empty gun foolery.

FRENCH SOCIETY feels defrauded by the quiet and private marriage of the daughter of President Grevy. There is a loss of a crush, a show and an excuse for new frocks. In utter vexation the gossip finds their revenge in saying that the bride is rather old, not very handsome, and once wanted to marry the sweet singer Capoul.

THE PATRIOTIC JOURNALISTS of Philadelphia in 1781 possessed very few resources in type, but they contrived to express pretty vividly their opinion of the transaction at Yorktown by printing the arms of Pennsylvania first, with those of Great Britain beneath, so placed that the lion and the unicorn were seen standing on their heads.

THE St. Louis Post-Dispatch very properly says that "it is due Mr. Schurz to say that no imaginative newspaper correspondent had the nerve to mention him as a probable member of the new Cabinet. There seems to be a determination to run the country without Mr. Schurz, and he may now be seen fitting about in the forest of obscurity so numerously infested about this time by the opaque Ohio man."

ONE LONGHEADED MAN named Longworth Dains has solved the Irish question for himself. Having just inherited an estate in Westmeath, he has instantly made a heavy deduction in the rents and promised more. He has also voluntarily announced that he will live on his land and attend to his own business. The tenants have responded by paying their rents with alacrity, and have welcomed the new man and the new measures with three cheers and a tiger.

THE IRISH QUESTION is now being worked up by a crowd of legal pessimists, who take the ground that it is the duty of the Irish tenant to pay no rent, because there is a flaw in the title obtained about 300 years ago. The beauty of this argument consists in its check. Suppose, now, that we try a practical application of the doctrine to ourselves and other parts of the world.

Recognizing the principle that possession is nine points of the law we go on to remark that when one C. Columbus in 1492 planted his standard on these shores, he found the noble red man in possession under squatter rights, but it didn't take the white man long to discover the charms of conquest and the land-titles obtained in that primitive period by our distinguished ancestors appeared to be good enough for them, and ought to be good enough for their children.

At least we have always recognized the Divine right of the white race to pluck the Indian, and then gently, but firmly, pitch him westward on the points of our bayonets. People of a conquering and predatory nature don't sit down meekly and ask a lawyer to draw up a land-title; they just absorb it, so to speak, and then proceed strictly to business. This is a sort of every-man-for-himself-and-the-devil-take-the-hindmost world.

To come down to the fine point in this argument, we are all lessees under old Adam, and every tribe of squatters since his time hold and bequeath under the general act entitled an act to grab all you can and hold it till a stronger fellow comes along. It would be just as absurd to entertain a claim in equity on the part of Adam's direct heirs to the site now occupied by the city of London as to allow the old Mohawks to seize the State of New York. As to England, titles have come down from century to century via the ordinary process of onster, beginning with the Roman and passing on through Saxon, Dane and Norman, till they end in the peaceable possession of British land-owners and unassuming tradesmen and agriculturists.

The Irish peasant of to-day may just as well calm his nerves. It will not help his cause to protest him to the world's ridicule if he declines to pay rent because of any defective title. Professional land robbers, endowed with fine native and cultivated abilities in the direction of grand larceny, will indulge in a prolonged laugh at any one, in these days of refined thievery, who demands a copper-riveted title from everything he deals with. Credit is the watch-word of the hour and the palladium of our liberties. We must have faith, and the blinder the better.

SEE WHERE IT STALKS AGAIN! A Millidgevillian, of Georgia, has challenged another to fight a duel in order to "wipe out an insult in blood." The insult given by the challenged man is that he marked coin in his money drawer, so that it came to pass that the challenger was exposed when he stole it.

This ought to call for all the gore this merchant has in his possession. Anything that stands in the way of a Southern gentleman's untrammelled right to steal must be wiped out in blood.

The United States Consul at Bombay says: We are having a good, thriving business throughout the producing districts. This, any event, will be the case in consequence of the fact that the American vessels are at present getting two pounds per ton. This item is important to the American shipping interest, and should not be lost sight of by merchants and ship-owners at home.

The Hon. Pickney White's hat-mannequin fleet should at once hoist sail, weigh anchor in the Patapasco and cleave the foaming main for Bombay. Mr. W.'s fleet appears to have found a field. For this we shippers.

THE CORRESPONDENTS who purvey intelligence for hungry millions from this point, are beginning to represent Mr. Arthur as "not looking well." He should make sand-bags out of a few office-seekers, and practice an hour each day before breakfast.

A Pleasant Little story is related of Gov. Holliday, of Virginia, by the Alexandria Gazette. One evening last week an old colored woman on crutches entered a railway car in Washington. The car was crowded, and the old woman requested a colored man to give her his seat, as it was impossible for her to stand. The man refused. Gov. Holliday, who was in the car, overheard the conversation, and promptly tendered the old woman his seat, which was accepted, with thanks.

King Oscar, of Sweden, has written a drama, in five acts, called the "Castle of Kronberg," which will be played at the Theatre Royal, Stockholm. He would be a bold critic who should dare to find fault with it.

An Expert's Opinion of Law. Col. Higginson says that the late H. F. Durant once said to him: "Law is the most beautiful of all professions. All human law is a system of fossilized injustice, and the habitual study of it only demoralizes."

One More Step. Mr. Seville has put a stopper on Galvan's mouth. For which, thanks, No. 1. If the sheriff will put a stopper on his wad-dle the country will be satisfied.

Behind the Times. The average American 69 years of age, who these days doesn't remember having seen Lafayette when he visited this country, is not equal to his opportunities.

Go Ahead. Atlanta Constitution. The next thing on docket in Virginia will be a duel with horse-pistols, in which the parties will carry the horse and forget the pistols. The outlook is very bloody.

Too Mean to Shoot. Those who want to see your Uncle David Davis President for a few brief months will have to import their crank. No native American crank would lend himself to such a scheme.

A Fruit-growing Section. Los Angeles County, Cal., claims 6,500,000 grape vines bearing, and 3,000,000 planted last winter, and 60,000 bearing orange trees, and 100,000 to begin next year.

Regas Rights. At the recent concert of Free-thinkers, held in Paris, one of the speakers began with the exclamation, "Thank God, I am an atheist."

The Regulars. A Parisian journal estimates the total number of recognized medical men throughout the civilized world at 199,000.

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