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Massachusetts has a Marblehead.

The Herald swears by great Caesar.

Falling is not good for a steady business.

Leap year is skipping away at a lively rate.

John Kelly is boss no longer. He is married.

To Trumbull doze Ohio there must be a Lyman.

General Frank T. Nichols succeeds Mr. McEnery.

Joan of Arc had a wealth of yellow hair, all her own.

Real estate agents are always in danger of a landslide.

Tennyson's son will succeed him in the poetry business.

Housekeepers should now lay in their ice for next summer.

The Pilgrim fathers had no brass band when they landed.

The best case in which to keep brandy is in case of sickness.

Pay your bets. The election questions have been decided.

The loud gong does not increase the value of the dinner.

The margin of a stream liable to rise should be a wide one.

Men should have patience when they can not have anything else.

Solomon arose to the exigencies of the occasion when he reformed.

There is nothing like a collision for waking up a Pallman sleeper.

A temperance lecturer should know how to pump handle his subject.

On wedding occasions it is proper for the bride to select the minister.

A stammering man can overcome his affliction by keeping silent.

In snow towns every householder is obliged to shovel off his own sidewalk.

Mrs. Stows has gone to Florida to witness a fair count of her oranges.

To be eloquent a man must have something to say, and say it earnestly.

It is bliss to sit in a bay window while some one rubs your head with bay rum.

There has been a ring around the moon, got up, probably, to monopolize the light.

Bates is of opinion that the frogs of horses' feet can be found in Paris pools at races.

Lord Pancake is the indigestible title and name of an English gentleman. He must feel flat.

A second-rate actor is always ready to take the part of the leading man, when he can get it.

"Through Norway with Ladies," is the heroic title of a new book of travels by an Englishman.

A horseman wants to know where the epizootic is. Bates says it is generally up in the nose.

Cardinal Antonelli erected his own monument, six years ago, and posterity owes him nothing.

Mr. Julian wanted to hang General Lee and Jeff Davis, but General Grant did not let the idea.

Sea captains are always glad when they are towed off Sandy Hook, and go sailing on their own hook.

Importing modistes can no longer be trusted. To retail Paris fashions ladies must cross the water.

A man looking at a number of horses for sale said he would take the whole lot barring the plug in the corner.

Fair words—"If you don't want what you see ask for it." It is generally kept at the deacon's table in a bottle.

An exchange says, "Yale beat Princeton at foot ball." Professor Sumner has the head for such games; you bet.

Candidates will be congratulated on the first of January, and wished many happy returns, in the majority of cases.

Republicans have justice, humanity, the law and a majority on their side. In civilized communities these things have much weight.

The salary of the President of Peru is \$18,000 per year; but the Peruvians seldom let a man hold office long enough to draw his salary.

Now we have it. The *Picayune* says: "The Augustan age of the English drama furnishes ample scope and margin for the talent of Mrs. Browne to bustle in."

A female correspondent asks the *Clipper* what she shall do for her poodle dog when it has its. Several remedies have been suggested, but shooting the dog is most effectual.

What does William Allen say about the Tilden defeat? The weather has been so cold that no one stays out long enough to hear William's voice.

Professor Hartz has an orange tree which beats anything nature has undertaken in that line. It buds, blossoms and bears full sized fruit in sight of the audience, all within the space of three minutes time.

A restless little boy said the games he learned up at his grandmother's house were perfectly splendid. He ran around the room as fast as he could, while the old lady was singing, "I've a rod in pickle for you, young man."

The news of the capture of Mexico city by General Porfirio Diaz, published in the *Republican* of last Tuesday, is this morning confirmed by the dispatches that slow going and sleepy arrangement known as the American Associated Press. See dispatches.

WANTED-A FEW SUICIDES.

This is a singular advertisement, yet it is, we conceive, substantially given in the columns of one of the numerous organs of Democracy having "the largest circulation in the South-west." The question propounded by this popular journal is: How may "capital punishment" be inflicted upon the members of the Returning Board? It is not surprising that in this case, as in the Scotch precedent of belling the cat, there should be some difficulty in finding a political rat sufficiently bold to venture upon this desperate enterprise. The journal in question says that this act of assassination can not be committed by the gentlemen of Louisiana. It says: Capital punishment is often a desideratum, but most of us are disinclined to take upon ourselves the role of the executioner. It is a distaste inherent in the nature of gentlemen, upon which our enemies have coolly calculated. Not considering at the moment how far that which we may be too honorable or too prudent to perpetrate of ourselves may be left to some thug or bulldozer, the widespread journal resorts to the original mode indicated at the head of this writing. It is premised— It is reported that a Chinaman in California killed himself because he was denied the right to vote. It is then added as if in an abstracted soliloquy: It is wonderful that he did not take his revenge in advance of his voluntary exit. That this supposititious Chinaman is made the basis of a dangerous suggestion we shall endeavor to demonstrate. We thus translate the dark sayings of the omnipresent organ: It is surprising that this Chinaman did not assassinate at least the commissioner of election before killing himself. The application of this proposal to utilize suicide politically in Louisiana then follows: We are frequently called upon to chronicle the self-slaughter of our own citizens. If suicides were not so self-involved, so taken up with their own miseries to the exclusion of public interests, some of them might have solved the problem for us long ere this; for a man who means to die has nothing to fear in this world and might, with his own taking off, just as well as not, carry along with him a public enemy. This is, in effect, a notification to any Democrat who intends to commit suicide on private account, that he had just as well take off a Republican officer or representative into the other world along with him. If it were added that the advantage of walking arm and arm into the other world in better company than he is in the habit of keeping in this, the suggestion might be worth noting. Possibly, if a word were suggested about decent funeral expenses, advanced by the Democratic committee, it might not be amiss, notwithstanding this attractive appeal to those who "mean to die," and would be no worse off if they took the scalp lock of a Republican "public enemy" along with them, the expansive journal has little confidence in the enterprise. It seems indeed to have been already tried, for we read: "Experience teaches us that we are not to depend upon this source." We suppose not. History contains many instances in which patriots have slain tyrants for the liberation of themselves and others, but very few in which they have committed suicide after having strived themselves by assassination. Booth, one of the last martyrs of this sort, fled from the scene of crime, and concealed himself, and such has been the general tendency of such patriots. The advertisement, "Wanted—A suicide," will, we may presume, remain unanswered in the present as in the past. Most cases of self-murder rush into the presence of their Maker with such an accusation against their kind as in their maddened thought will justify them before His throne. None were ever so mad as to imagine it would commend them to the mercy of an outraged deity to load their conscience with a supplementary crime merely to oblige desperate political gentlemen too conscientious or too cautious to commit it themselves. We must commend to the reverend clergy, who, with eminent money changers, certify to the political morals of this people, an examination of the singular soot of future judgment involved in this pagan doctrine. There is a question of theology involved too deep for newspaper discussion. Is self murder unpardonable? If so, then the commission of any or all crimes by the suicides are of no more effect than the stab of Falstaff in the dead body of Percy. Let the clergy say whether the Republican Returning Board is to be exterminated by suicides employed for that purpose?—whether a suicidist can be absolved of his single or double crime he intended to commit? We shall await ecclesiastical solution of these very grave questions. In the meantime let no suicidist commit himself to the political crime for which he is wanted.

OUR PROVISIONAL GOVERNMENT.

The gentlemen who have founded an organization coeval and, as they claim, concurrent with, or, indeed, paramount to that of this State, have accompanied *quo pede* the State government from beginning to its end. We have had its duplicate executive and its duplicate Legislature; its treasury and its taxation; its standing army. We have its orders declaring war, commanding peace or forbidding payments to the lawful collector. We have read its proclamations preventing all social, business and political intercourse with the citizens who do not acknowledge its authority. It has demanded of the State government equal authority in conducting and examining the elections. It has recognized the Returning Board by demanding a member of its organization at the same time that it has received and promulgated its own returns as superior in authenticity and in authority to those which the law has prescribed. At the last moment Colonel McEnery, who had been at the head of the election army in the disfavored parishes, resumes command of the provisional government and certifies

the election of himself and others as presidential electors. We do not choose to reopen or reargue claims which have been repudiated by the executive recognition of the existing State government. We do not even waste ink upon the fact that the Democratic members of Congress from Louisiana hold their seats upon the certificate of Governor Kellogg, and that to assert successfully the legal authority of Mr. McEnery, would be to unsettle those members, as it would be to upset the many other matters of infinitely greater consequence. The provisional government has, however, accompanied the legal government from its cradle to the term of its political existence. We have had its inaugural; its chronicle and record, and its valedictory returns which have been published in its organs. A question arises as to whether this provisional government will continue during the administration of Governor Packard? Will Mr. Nichols be inaugurated? Will his legislative committee continue in session? Are his taxes to be collected; his orders obeyed, and are we promised for four years more a duplicate and provisional government as we have had for the past executive term?

VERY PERPLEXING.

The brevetted organ of the Last Ditchers perplexes us by its equivocal utterances. Having discussed the chances of procuring suicides enough to assassinate the Republican officers, it finds no other recourse, and it says: Demising, then, this view of the subject, we are compelled to look abroad for relief. It is the ambiguity of this relief which perplexes us— Should the Democratic majority in the House of Representatives maintain a firm attitude, either Mr. Tilden will be seated or the country will be precipitated into a revolution. This Democratic majority consists of Southern Democratic members. If they stand firm, then either Mr. Tilden will be seated or revolution will follow. On the eve of an important combat, it behooves the commanders to maintain all the ground upon which the battle is to be delivered. The *Republican* has stated the comparative military strength of the two parties. The preponderance in favor of the Republicans at the North and West renders too great the undertaking to justify a Democratic resort to revolution. The press and people of the North would not regard the election of Hayes as an overt act *per se* which would justify revolution. The Democratic party at the South, which has once avowed this doctrine, has barely the military force and resources to bulldoze and intimidate the negroes, and should not, in common prudence, commit itself to civil war. We can not, then, anticipate revolution. Mr. Tilden submitted to the government in 1861, notwithstanding the declaration of his Southern friends that it was an outrage. While Southern men died on the field of battle for their conception of right, Northern States rights men took contracts and commissions under a Republican President to compel obedience to the Union. While Southern State rights men lost their property by the ravages of war, emancipation and confiscation, Mr. Tilden amassed a large fortune in the speculative profits of military expenditures. Our inference from the foregoing remarks of the White League organ is that a country will not be precipitated into revolution, because there will be no one to precipitate it further than the lawful authorities of the Federal government can arrest its progress. The White League organ seems, itself, to be perplexed with the situation. It says: The question still remains to perplex us, "What are we to do with it?" For our part, we regret that we are not able to furnish a definite answer. Yet, notwithstanding this inability to furnish a definite solution, it subsequently expresses the conviction that if one branch of the national Legislature shall declare for Hayes and the other for Tilden, we may hope for civil war, and that then "the people of Louisiana will be left to determine for themselves whether it is better to endure than to strike." This perplexity involves several contingencies. The country may be precipitated into revolution. The Northern Democracy may inaugurate civil war. Then, again, they may not. In case the revolution is precipitated, we have no assurance that the Southern Democracy will participate in the war. In case it shall not be precipitated the people of Louisiana will determine for themselves whether they participate or not. We may say for a numerical majority of these people that they will not take large stock in another civil war. If, then, the organ speaks advisedly, it leaves us in oracular uncertainty as to what is to be the result of the presidential middle. To us who have for so many weeks looked to the declaration of the White League organs for light upon current and coming events, the latter utterances are very perplexing.

"COME ON BOYS!" AND "GO ON BOYS!"—THE DIFFERENCE.

The White League press has teamed with the most violent defamation of Republican men and acts? It has assumed that a claim of votes based upon informal and ex parte reports, is the valid return of the State election. It has asserted that the officers appointed by law to decide the result of the election are villains beyond the belief or tolerance of society. It denounces all Republicans elected as outcasts and thieves, and proclaims all their official acts illegal. From all this the same press deduces the declaration that no people so wronged as those of Louisiana would bear such a state of oppression, and then concludes with an appeal to those long-suffering citizens to bear their political misery with endurance, and, above all things, by no means to commit any act of resistance. The art of exciting a person or a people, by insidious misrepresentation of wrongs alleged to have been perpetrated against them, is by no means one of the

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IMPORTANT TO GAS CONSUMERS.

Reduction in Price from \$3 50 to \$2 70 Net. OFFICE OF NEW ORLEANS GASLIGHT COMPANY, New Orleans, November 11, 1876. In accordance with the conclusion of the Board of Directors at their last annual meeting, held February 7, 1876, the price of gas will be reduced in the districts supplied by this company on and after January 1, 1877, to THREE DOLLARS PER THOUSAND CUBIC FEET; and a further discount of TEN PER CENT will be allowed for prompt payment, as heretofore, upon all monthly bills when the consumption of gas exceeds 500 cubic feet. By order of the Board: no14 3m 2p V. VALLOIS, Secretary.

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Saturday Evening, December 9, 1876. THE GREAT HERMANN In one of his unique and wonderful scenes. MADAME HERMANN has volunteered and will appear in some of the most attractive features, among them being "Spiritualism Exposed." The Relief Committee takes the greatest pleasure in furthering the generous offer of Mr. Hermann and hope that the citizens of New Orleans will respond in a manner befitting the occasion. des 10

ST. CHARLES THEATRE.

Sunday, December 3, and during the week, LAST WEST OF THE ART STATURE TROUPE. Sunday, December 10—Mme. De La Cour's great Parisian Special Troupe, in the gorgeous extravaganza entitled "THE TORRIS SLAVE'S MART." des 10

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