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The statu quo appears to have gone out. Governor Sam Bard has arrived in the city. Not a sparrow falls alive without knowing it. Tom Thumb is showing himself in the West. The Beecher case is likely to be revived again. The sponges of Key West are more numerous than ever. As soon as a man gets sufficient piety he should rent a pew. "A wonderful stream is the river time." It never freezes over. It is said the average hen ought to lay about 100 eggs per year. It is said the Pope will soon appoint another American cardinal. Louise M. Alcott brought out her "Rose in Bloom" in very cold weather. Cronin made some reputation and \$3000 by his Oregon eccentricity. The young man who is a chip of the old block is none the better for that. "Papa is Growing Bald," is one of the most pathetic ballads of the day. Captain Howgate wants to run up the American flag on the north pole. An exchange says "Fannyson wears blue spectacles and is shock-headed." Venison is selling in Wisconsin for five cents a pound, which is cheap for deer. There is complaint in England that all the gin is largely adulterated with water. George Eliot says it is the want of motive that makes life dull and men feel old. If a person borrows your book he is expected to keep it until you can get it back again. The Flatto Brothers are shoe dealers in Galveston. They keep also square tooth shoes. Vanderbilt will get his picture in the papers, and his hairs will squabble over his property. Grapes have been a drug in the California markets, and many farmers have fed them to hogs. "The Last Leaf," is the title of a new temperance play. It should be produced on every street corner. Cremation will make it possible to have the ashes of a relative sprinkled on your slippery sidewalks. There are men taking no pleasure in life who are allowed to live on as if they had been forgotten by time. Shakespeare used a comparatively small number of words, yet he placed them in a very effective manner. The street cars of Cincinnati are warmed by hot blocks of iron, placed in register furnaces under the seats. There are some remarkable old people in New York who have two sets of teeth; one to eat with and one to smile with. What is the use of wearing striped stockings if the wearer must always stay in the house when the crossings are bad? Mr. Moody said, "If Noah had waited for a committee to build the ark, the ark would not have been laid in this day." It is a queer country that allows Dr. Schlemmer to go about breaking open the tombs of respectable old people like Agamemnon. The schools of Nashville have been closed an amount of unpleasant weather. The children greatly enjoyed the opportunity for seating. Macaulay is credited with saying that as civilization grew poetry declined; and yet Walt Whitman and Sidney Lanier are not discouraged. James Gordon Bennett appears to have made a lucky escape from the May family; but then if he had not been rich he might never have been engaged. Mr. George L. Catlin, of the New York Chamber of Commerce, has been elected president of a social organization called the Foreigner's Association. In New York it is said that the name of Miss Johnson, the new pianist, is in every mouth, and in that case there is little room for anything else to be said. Eph Horn died after a joke. When Tony Factor spoke to him, wishing him a speedy recovery, Eph replied, "Oh, I guess I'll be all right. I always was a good man at the end," and said no more. The Providence Press asks, "What is it in the constitution of the human mind that when all the poetry out of Opheleia's head when an accidental cough reveals that she has a cold in the head? Give it up; but perhaps it is this. In Northern cities, when the home tops are headed with snow, every son of Adam is bound to keep away from the street. A light snow slide is very funny when it falls on the back of some other fellow and sends him to the hospital. A school-boy in New York, called the "Candy Cane," is being punished with a cane and being whipped, which is made to resemble the punishment of the public. There is no law to prevent the unchristianlike behavior of those who throw the candy sticks of candy canes on the street. Some people who are very rich are very poor in the eyes of the world. They are very rich in the eyes of the world, but very poor in the eyes of the world. They are very rich in the eyes of the world, but very poor in the eyes of the world.

THE SITUATION. New Orleans is once more in a state of siege, with two hostile parties confronting each other, apparently awaiting a signal of attack. The streets began to be filled with armed men early in the day, and by eleven o'clock it is estimated there were from 3000 to 4000 of them in Lafayette square, organizing for such duty as might be required of them by their leaders. They were what is commonly known as the White League, though, according to the latest nomenclature, they appear in the extras as "the legal State militia." The exploits of the day were limited to seizing the police stations, the State arsenal and the Supreme Court room. An attack was expected to be made upon the State House, where nearly all the members of the Legislature, the State officers, and a large number of citizens—Republicans—were assembled, guarded by the main body of the Metropolitan police. All the places which were attacked were surrendered to superior force without resistance, as not more than a corporal's guard of police could be spared from the defense of the State House. And as there was no concert of action among the Republican forces, and no means of rapidly communicating orders, it was perfectly easy for the Democratic leaders to concentrate their full strength upon any one place at the same moment. The Washington Artillery obtained possession of two or three pieces of cannon from the arsenal, which gave the assailants the advantage of great odds. In the meantime members of the Legislature were barred out of the State House by the armed men who invested it. It was therefore impossible to obtain a quorum of either House, and hence no vote could be taken for United States Senators as the law directs. Governor Packard was virtually a prisoner all day, and so hedged in by hostile forces that he could not exercise the functions of his high office. The judges of the Supreme Court were excluded from the courtroom, and new members seated upon the bench. In all respects, save bloodshed, there existed a complete revolution. The State government in all its branches, so far as the exercise of any authority on the streets is concerned, was thoroughly and completely subverted, and the new forces which have just appeared either as police or State militia were entire masters of the situation and of every position except the State House, which, up to the time of going to press, continued to be the citadel and asylum of the State government and the police. All that could be learned of the intentions of General Angur was that he intended to "preserve the peace." Whether he considers the capture of the police stations and the State Arsenal by overpowering force, the ejection of the judges of the Supreme Court and the regular investment of the State House, with the Legislature in session, as violations of the peace laws, we can not say. Perhaps it is the custom of military men to consider all actions peaceable that do not actually draw blood. But for all practical purposes there was very little peace yesterday. Business was paralyzed worse than usual, if possible. Several of the schools were closed early in the day, and the few men who have work to do were called from it either to log a bayoneted musket through the streets, or to stand on the sidewalks and see the White Leaguers march past. If such be peace, we may as well have war. If such be civil rule, it is better to have martial law. It is not peace by any means. Under no stretch of reasoning can it be said that peace prevailed in the city yesterday, nor is there likely to be any to-day, except as the result of one or the other of two events: Either a conflict, in which one of the belligerent parties is vanquished, or the interference of the United States troops. As we have at present no government in this State whose authority is undisputed, and as there are two or three congressional committees trying to find the truth about the late election, perhaps the President may deem it his duty to establish martial law till such time, if ever, as Congress shall come to some conclusion and agreement in the premises. Such a step would at least give to the business community a season of peace, such as they understand it, instead of the sounds of war's alarms and the tramp of armed men that all day yesterday resounded through the streets of the city. Though we are tolerably well assured to popular commotions here, there is a decided preference on the part of a majority of the people for a government of any kind strong enough to maintain itself over the uncertainties necessarily incident to two armed hostile forces in the same camp.

Scarcely a government in Europe but has been changed in its form since the declaration and establishment of American independence. Under this government interests of great consequence have grown up—manufacturing, banking, the shipping and railroad interests, and agriculture, the greatest of all, and upon whose prosperity depends the prosperity of all. Among forty millions of people there are, perhaps, five or six per cent of political office holders. The rest are farmers, mechanics, merchants, mariners, capitalists and holders of four or five hundred millions of national currency and two thousand or twenty-four hundred millions of national securities. There is an immense special investment in the means of internal transportation and a far greater value in the importance of uninterrupted travel and transportation throughout the country. We need not compute the money values involved in the maintenance of peace, but we may safely say that the time has not yet come when the oppression of these interests or the deprivation of the rights of those who represent them has become so general as to involve the country again in civil war. All these preponderant interests prefer, therefore, a government sufficiently strong to keep the peace within the several States or districts of Federal administration, and all these interests will observe with satisfaction the supremacy of the law over the ambition or discontent of any faction or of any section. That these great interests are content with the manifested ability of the Federal government to maintain the peace of the whole country is shown by various facts: 1. The enlarged production of American manufactures now established to such an extent as to have seriously diminished the revenues on imported goods. This interest neither wishes the blockade of their domestic customs nor a disturbance of the law under which their industry has been established. 2. The decline in the premiums on gold, or advance in the specie value of national currency, with a corresponding stability in the price of national securities. This proves that neither the bankers, nor others who have invested in these securities fear such disturbance of national authority as will render their ultimate guarantee and redemption precarious. It may be very true that capital and industry will not venture into those districts upon which the power of the Federal government may be necessarily exercised, but this timidity is local and not national. We look, therefore, to the conservative interest in an able and State government to preserve the form and action of Republican government. In the midst of a storm every man looks to the roof tree above him, and rejoices him that it is staunch and steady. In like manner, amid impending and ominous presages of political tempest, every man who has a dollar or a day's work at stake will look up at the Federal arch and feel a secret satisfaction that it has proved itself strong enough to bear a stronger pressure from without and within than it will likely be called on to endure in the future.

POLITICS IN KID GLOVES. If every American voter wore kid gloves, sported an eye glass and small case, parted his hair in the middle and wore none but the most fashionable clothes, as George William Curtis does, then we might establish politics upon quite a different basis from that which now underlies our party contests. Mr. Curtis is a professed Republican, something of a philosopher in his political notions, and in addition to being the leading political writer for Harper's Weekly, was one of the delegates from New York to the Cincinnati convention. In that body he was for the nomination of Bristol, first, last and all the time. That suggestion was urged as his specific for all the political ills of which both parties complained. The convention decided against Mr. Curtis, and everything has gone wrong with him since. He made up his mind that Hayes could not be elected, and is as hard to convince to the contrary as Abo Hewitt himself or J. G. Thompson. In the latest number of the Weekly there is a long article upon the Louisiana question, which one of our local papers has construed into a warning to the Republican party by a friend. The logic of this article runs to the effect that while it is admitted that certain parts of Louisiana were in a semi-barbarous condition at the late election, yet the writer denies that there is any remedy or help for it in the law. That the Returning Board was legally bound to permit the Democratic party to profit by its lawless acts. All this because in his opinion the Republican party could not survive the inauguration of a President whose title should rest upon a moral doubt. Without informing us what party or considerable number of people are likely to entertain a doubt of Mr. Hayes' title, the writer leaves the subject with the inference that the Democratic party, owing to some difference in its morality or component parts could very easily survive the inauguration of a President under circumstances which would utterly extinguish the Republican party. Unless, therefore, the Republicans surrender what they honestly believe to be their legal rights to a party which claims a victory through the exercise of force and trickery, it must abandon its organization. This seems to be a sort of Hobson's choice which Mr. Curtis has figured out. The Republicans, party either surrender the right to be a party, and let their opponents have their own way, or else not survive the inauguration of a President whose title the Democratic party looks like the one to be maintained. 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