

ed to present yourself for audience of the Prince Regent to-morrow at 2, Carlton House. Look sharp, now, and here's a guinea to drink my health.

If the fortunes of a landed proprietor, a member of Parliament and the founder of a genteel country family could be built upon so absurd a basis in solid old England, what might not be expected in America, where a man is as good as another, and a d—n might better if he happens to have more money, regardless of the way he got it.

HOWARD IS BY NO MEANS THE PIONEER OF HIS KIND

In this country. He has had illustrious predecessors in Hill, Folsom, Tompkins and John Morrissey; the only material difference between their cases and his being that they traveled mainly upon their muscles while he seems to have sort of slid along on his cheek. All made their money and but up the ladder of power in the same way breaking the laws in order to make money and then using the power of their money to make laws; a queer enough paradox to put in words, but still more odd and strange as accomplished in practice.

The first I remember to have heard of Howard's Lottery was about seven years ago, when it was mentioned as one of the minor adjuncts of the "Warmth" which was then being blown with a "blast" with tolerable freedom about campaign time, in consideration of which patriotic volition it had received the sanction of another concern composed of carpet-baggers and niggers, but upon Grant's bayonets, and in grim sarcasm, "a government." The two were *arcades ambo*, and it seemed a pity to part them. In fact, after the one died the other became a lone some anachronism. By rights they ought both to have been buried in the same grave.

But they were not. On the other hand, when the last vestige of carpet-bagery and niggerism had vanished with the retreating coat-tails of the troops, who had gone to the quarter of an acre of Louisiana soil which Packard "governed," the Lottery appeared right side up, life size and with undiminished cheek in the midst of

THE DEMOCRATIC CAMP.

But, unlike a raw recruit as it was, it appeared in the full regiments of a major general and was to take command before it had fairly enlisted.

Here, as I understand the matter, was where the DEMOCRAT came in with its mild protest. The Louisiana Lottery, as such, might have been a concern to be despised. To be sure, even in the minds of those broadest as to notions of abstract morality, there would always be a sneaking sympathy for the poor, ignorant dupes who invested their money in lottery tickets, and thereby fed the insatiable maw of Howard's delusive machine. But that, under ordinary circumstances, was not the affair, and there was no sympathy to be pointed to the shareholders. Perhaps they might as well illustrate the old proverb about the fool and his money for Howard's benefit as anybody's else.

But the Lottery, as a manufacture of great American citizenship; as a maker of judges and legislators, and Congressmen and Senators, and as an aspirant at even President-making itself, was a horse of another color.

The most apt illustration of the power it had acquired

AS A FACTOR IN PUBLIC AFFAIRS,

and the influence it had established over the minds of men, is found in the fact that a year ago, when the war began, out of perhaps fifty Louisianians of every description in Washington to whom I addressed the question "How will it come out?" only one expressed the belief that the DEMOCRAT would win. That one was Jim Eugist. All the others shook their heads. The DEMOCRAT had started on a foe's ground.

"Dupre and Hearsey had taken altogether too big a contract."

"Howard would turn all his forces against the DEMOCRAT, ruin its credit and break it down."

These are samples of the average prognostication of that time among the Louisiana colony in Washington. Eugist alone seemed to take in the situation wisely. He said to me that while he had no objection to the advantage in the fray might seem to be on the side of the Lottery, on account of its money and connections, closer examination would show that the DEMOCRAT had the best of the matter. First, because the Lottery had a tortuous and vulnerable political record in the State; second, because its character was assailable on moral grounds; and third, because the natural tendency of popular sentiment in Louisiana was to be against it. On the other hand, the DEMOCRAT, either as a newspaper or with respect to the personal of its management, was invulnerable; moreover, it had facilities of its own for conducting a vigorous campaign, must depend for his defense upon such assistance as he could buy or hire from time to time. I say Eugist was the only Louisianian who predicted

THE SUCCESS OF THE DEMOCRAT.

by that I mean he was the only one belonging to the Democratic party, but several of the Republicans, notably Packard and John Walsh, told me that Howard would surely be crushed in course of time. Their theory was that, in deserting the Republican party, which had made him, and going over to the Democratic, which had always been fighting the principle of monopoly and intrigue that he represented, Howard would prove to have lost the only friends who would sustain him at a pinch. Packard said to me one morning at the Riggs House that "when Howard bought those nine members of my Legislature and took them over to Nicholas he twisted a rope to hang himself with." This was last May.

As the fight progressed it attracted the attention of the Northern press, whose sympathies were on the side of the DEMOCRAT, without exception, save here and there a concern that had the advertising of the Lottery, and as the facts of the situation gradually became known to the general public it aroused an interest something like that stirred up by the celebrated war of the New York Times on Tweed, nine years ago.

When Howard was compelled to transfer one phase of his struggle to Washington, and his interests before the Postoffice Department, the national significance of the matter became plainly apparent, and he was vigorously assailed by such papers as the Springfield Republican, Boston Herald, Chicago Tribune and Cincinnati Gazette. Of course those assaults did not tell directly in the local contest that the DEMOCRAT was keeping up, but they certainly did not help the Lottery any, while they materially encouraged the DEMOCRAT. It is not necessary to go over all the tedious

DETAILS OF HOWARD'S OPERATIONS,

here before the Postoffice Department. Suffice to say that, between the money he was able to spend to employ such counsel as Ben Butler and John Sherman's brother-in-law, Charley Meunton, and the influence he had with the administration through Judge Harlan, of the Supreme Court, and Wayne MacVeagh, he carried all his points here and went back to New Orleans to concentrate all his resources on the local contest; with what result the action of last week shows!

In this latitude the defeat and destruction of the Lottery is regarded as a sign that, notwithstanding all the difficulties of the situation, and despite the legacy of rottenness left upon them by the regime of the last dozen years, the people of Louisiana are still superior to the influences of corruption; still able to assert the majesty of popular self-government over even the most assiduous forms of centralized chicanery and organized intrigue. The affair has given to the national standing and reputation of the DEMOCRAT, a tremendous impulsion; for people have faith in the future of a newspaper, which in less than a year of warfare, proves its ability to break down a concern powerful enough to make legislatures, nominate Congressmen, and elect Senators.

A. C. B.

Mr. Edmund Johnson, United States Consul at Tampico, Mexico, in a letter written to a friend in Washington, and dated the 11th instant, says: "A balloon, evidently from some civilized country, about sixty or seventy feet in size, with a car, and all the comforts for a voyage, made of silk, and all the comforts found at Osuima by the Indians in the woods. They tore the silk from it, and stole everything that could be carried off, and refused to give any information on the subject, except to give five to a disagreeable

SEXTON AND SCHAEFER.

FIRST MEETING OF THE GREAT BILLIARD ARTISTS.

The Champion Defeated by the New Star—Sexton in Bad Form and Makes a Poor Showing.

[Special to the Chicago Times.] New York, Feb. 5. Jacob Schaefer and William Sexton crossed on Saturday for the first time in a public contest. After two hours of slow, up-hill work Schaefer scored his 600th point and won the victory he has longed for and dreamed about for nearly two years. It was not a brilliant victory nor a well-contested game. Sexton scored only 169 points, and his highest run was only 38. The game occupied twenty-seven innings, and the winner's average of 22.67 looks small beside some of the remarkable records which this tournament has shown. Still it was a great triumph for the Chicagoan. It was the most trying and important of his public appearances. He met his most dreaded rival, who plainly had the sympathies of the immense audience. A favorable result was of the utmost moment to him in its bearings on his position in the race, while it was of less consequence to Sexton, he having already lost his chance to win the emblem. Under these circumstances Schaefer made the best average yet achieved in an important and decisive contest. The game to-day was not to doubt added to his reputation and given him a place among billiardists that he has not, in the public estimation, occupied before. Both experts complained bitterly before the game progressed, but that the Chicagoan was the better player, and Sexton was the crookedest set he had ever played with, and Sexton complained that their angularity interfered with every shot he made. Nevertheless, it is hard to account for Sexton's playing so badly as he did to-day. In the afternoon he played a splendid practice game with George Slosson, and he entered the hall to-night confident that he would win the match. The crowd was enormous, and it was not to be expected that large sums had been staked on the result, and the betters were nervous and noisy. The mingled cheers and hisses that greeted every other shot did not contribute to the perfect execution of the players. After Mike Geary he made an abortive oratorical effort, in which his voice was drowned by a unanimous demand from the audience to "sit down," the players missed his first shot, and Schaefer scored only two. Four points were all Sexton counted in the next inning, and then Schaefer commenced the largest run of the game. It was a fine display of cueing, and the length shot Schaefer brought the ivory to the upper left end of the Monarch cushions, and started down the table. At the lower corner he had scored seventy. Just as he reached his 100th point he broke his cue, and neatly around the opposite corner and started back up the table. At his 150th point he froze, and failed to score from the spot. It was one of Schaefer's most perfect displays of cueing, and his nerve and precision at every stage of the game surprised the most sanguine of his friends. 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