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THE NEWS THIS MORNING.

FOREIGN.—In France, Minister Buffet having resigned, M. Dufaure was appointed Minister of the Interior.

DOMESTIC.—The Connecticut Democrats renominated the old State ticket, headed by Gov. Ingersoll.

CITY AND SUBURBAN.—The Plymouth Church Advisory Council complained of the full reports of its secret sessions.

THE WEATHER.—The Government report predicts very cold and clear weather.

Spain gains little by the overthrow of Don Carlos, since one of its first consequences is the return of ex-Queen Isabella.

The Haytian Government is evidently hastening to its fall. It has been completely under the influence of Spain.

The Democrats of Connecticut, after some apparent hesitation, came out boldly yesterday in the resolutions of the State Convention.

Nothing came of the resolution in the Senate to print debates in The Congressional Record just as they are delivered, without tinkering.

The most grateful thing Gen. Schenck can do will be to take his work on draw-ropes and such trappings of reputation as he has left.

The enemies of the greenback currency delight to call it a rag currency, and contemptuously call greenbacks rags.

President Grant removes Bristow, and pardons all the whisky thieves who have been convicted, and interposes to prevent the conviction of any more whisky thieves.

The rag-baby is decidedly frisky. "The Tribune" says that the greenback currency is intended, we suppose the Calities, before they get through with it.

We believe the judgment of the better classes of American citizens inclines to Gen. Babcock's innocence.

The annual meeting of the State Charities Aid Association at Masonic Hall, corner Sixth-ave.

The Hon. Godlove S. Orth, the Republican candidate for Governor of Indiana, has a straight record on the currency question.

How that Conkling movement does stick to Onida County! After a long delay another claim has been formed, but it is in the same county, at Trenton.

The resolutions are lovely. They call the Senator the "Empire State's" "true statesman."

It must occur to the President that in seeming to side with the whisky conspirators or their misguided friends, he jeopardizes his own reputation.

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Frelinghuysen kindly lulled their fears by moving to recommit the bill, and that was promptly agreed to.

It will be welcome news to a large proportion of our citizens that the gas companies have resolved to lower their prices throughout the city. If the reduction had covered the winter months when the bills were heaviest, it would have been still more welcome.

Much of the time of the Advisory Council was wasted yesterday in discussions and useless resolutions concerning newspaper reports of what are called secret sessions. The Andover Church letter was considered, and its proposals were left to the option of Plymouth Church, but coupled with the opinion of the Council that the views are not in accordance with Congregational usage.

In commenting upon the report of the Legislative Committee on Crime, THE TRIBUNE recently expressed strong approval of the suggestion that criminals after serving out their sentences should be put under a system of surveillance. It is well known that at present, after release, they are driven back into crime by other criminals and sometimes by policemen and detectives who take advantage of their needs.

Months ago we warned friends of a sound currency that they were in danger of greatly underrating the force of the inflationists. Victories in Ohio and Pennsylvania were cheering, but men who are thoroughly in earnest do not yield because of a few defeats.

The nomination of Mr. Landers in Indiana is said to be the result of a bargain between the independent and the Democratic leaders, which contemplates the nomination of Mr. Landers in the Democratic Convention also, and the abandonment of the rest of the independent ticket.

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men, and a great many of them, who will feel that the nation disgraces itself if it yields to the demand of repudiators for repeal of the act of 1875; is it not worth while for them to show that their votes also will be governed by their convictions?

WHO IS ON TRIAL?

Judge Porter in his closing argument for Gen. Babcock made some remarks on the course of the newspapers which were just, and some which seem to us, in the telegraphic summary of his address, hasty and erroneous. It is unfortunately true that a portion of the Democratic press has not only treated the defendant from the beginning as if his guilt admitted of no doubt, but have "made covert" and cowardly insinuations that the President himself was privy to the conspiracy.

It is a still more serious error to imagine that any journals decent enough to be worth answering have tried to fasten a part of the guilt of this conspiracy upon President Grant. Editors have at least as keen a sense of the national honor as other citizens, and there is not an honest man in the profession who would not deeply grieve to see the President of the United States besmirched with this dirty business.

The conviction of Gen. Babcock would perhaps be an injury to the President politically, because it would increase distrust of the clique which seems to enjoy most of his confidence; but it would make no difference in the public estimate of his personal character. It is a strong proof of the general trust in his honesty that he has kept such a good name in spite of the notorious rascalities of his associates.

An entertaining story comes from St. Petersburg of the efforts of a Russian Scientific Commission to investigate the mysteries of Modern Spiritualism. The Commission was appointed by the Society of Physical Science, and among its members was a certain Mr. Akasof, an ardent believer in the phenomena, who brought from America at his own expense two mediums—brothers named Petty, one seventeen and the other fourteen years old.

A BATCH OF PLATFORMS.

The Indiana Republicans have fabricated a platform of monstrous length which should be hung up at the Centennial Exhibition as a chef d'œuvre of an art peculiar to the United States. The Connecticut Kellyite rag-money men have done their business equally well, their five resolutions swelling out over almost as great a surface as the twenty-one of the Hoosier State.

We detect no evidence in these platforms that the inflation factions want to go further than they did in 1874. A comparison of the Indiana resolutions of the two periods indicates the reverse. In 1874 the Indiana Republicans were in favor of free banking and legislation that would "furnish such additional amount of currency as may be necessary to meet the wants," etc.

It is not a little amusing to find the Advisory Council devoting a whole morning to discussing how THE TRIBUNE obtains its full and accurate reports of their secret sessions. The gentle indignation of Dr. Bacon at the publication of his speeches is especially entertaining. But we are irresistibly impelled by his censure of his inebriated associates to remind the good and learned Doctor that he set the example early in the Council by describing himself as a very "leaky vessel," as far as scandal information was concerned.

THE ROAD TO REAL RUIN.

As long as men are what they are, some honest and others dishonest; some frugal and others profuse; some gentle and others rapacious; some wise and others foolish; some strong and others weak, it will be impossible to abolish the distinction between rich and poor. It could only be done by annihilating all wealth. If an equal division of goods and money could be made for one day, the day after would see that equality destroyed. Within a week thousands would be complaining of the scarcity of money.

every great debasement of the coin or deluge of paper money. History proclaims this fact to all who will heed her teachings. While the savings of the past are being consumed or wasted, there may be a treacherous show of prosperity, but in the end the bubble bursts. We have had a taste of the poison, and it ought to be enough. The effects of another draught will not be so easily recovered from.

PRESIDENTIAL INDICATIONS.

The news in yesterday's TRIBUNE embraced a dreary array of platform platitudes, and several not very cheerful political indications.

1. The inflationists in both parties are rampant. They at least have the courage of their opinions. They mean fight, and the sooner the hard-money people discover it the less difficult will be their campaign.

2. The selection of St. Louis as the place for holding the Democratic National Convention is, on the whole, favorable to the inflationists, and unfavorable to either Gov. Tilden or any other Eastern candidate. Gov. Tilden's friends would have been better pleased with Chicago, and probably best of all with Boston—the place which Lamar suggested, and in which the Convention would have had the warmest and most significant welcome.

3. Gov. Morgan did not hold his own in the selection of the place and time for the New-York Republican State Convention. The Governor's cause has been injured somewhat by semi-official admissions from time to time that he was no longer in the field. We believe he might fairly have contested the delegation with Mr. Conkling. It is not even certain that he cannot do it yet, but it can only be done by hard work and a resolute, inflexible purpose.

4. The only Presidential candidate who is making real headway on either side, seems to be James G. Blaine. He has reasonable popularity with the people, and he is promptly gathering in the States, one by one, as the conventions assemble. Mr. Blaine has the immense advantage of knowing exactly what he wants, and exactly how to go to work to get it.

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The annual meeting of the State Charities Aid Association at Masonic Hall, corner Sixth-ave. and Twenty-third-st., will be a marked center of attraction to-night. Mr. Charles O'Connor is so well that it is now quite certain that he will preside, and his appearance before a New-York audience so soon after his life had been despaired of, and in behalf of so worthy a cause, will in itself be one of the notable events of the winter. Quite apart from this, however, and from the additional attraction of the address by Mr. Choate, the questions with which the meeting ought to deal are among the most pressing

of those demanding the public attention. The whole State during the past year has been overrun with tramps, and the reports are likely to give some startling facts and figures upon that point. What do we do to stem the advancing tide of pauperism as grave a question as citizens and publicists can deal with; and the State Charities Aid Association, in the honest efforts it is making to grapple with the subject, deserves the heartiest encouragement of the whole community.

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McGill, the remarkable St. Louis letter-carrier, tells the truth there are post-office practices which need regulation. This gentleman opened a street letter-box, in his district, and gave Joyce two letters which he found there, on the bare statement of the applicant that he was the writer of them. McGill asked for no proof, took no receipt, and made no report of the circumstance; and he says he had done such things a hundred times. Now it is obviously easy for anybody who happens to know that a certain letter has been deposited in a certain box to go to McGill and make the same request that Joyce did, with every probability that it will be promptly complied with.

The attack recently made upon the manufacturers of "bogus pianos," who put upon cheap and worthless instruments a name-plate nearly resembling that of some well-known maker, has led to lively results. A society was formed in the trade to protect respectable dealers against these impostures, and a number of the leading firms have since succeeded in this organization and formed a new one, alleging that by superior numbers of the very association devised for their destruction. The controversy rages with a bitterness almost unknown outside the piano-forte business, and the unphilosophical purchaser of all the way may well be puzzled where to buy the instrument he wishes for a present to his daughter. He may rest assured that the frauds complained of do prevail to an enormous extent; and if he do not scrutinize the name-plate with more care than his custom is, he may expect to find the article which he bought for a first-class piano turning after a few months into a rickety box of tinny wires.

The boundless fertility of California is a perennial source of wonder. Herr Wachtel has just been "received" in San Francisco preparatory to his appearance in opera, and the exuberant newspapers, in their chronicle of the festive occasion, state that he has just sung "L'air du 'Huguenot'" forty-nine times in New-York, with the most extraordinary success.

PERSONAL.

Gov. Cheney of New-Hampshire is said to be seriously ill.

It now seems that the Mrs. Green who lost her life in the Straits-Cliff disaster was the niece and not the daughter of Dion Boucicault.

An Italian marble monument, bearing a life-like medallion portrait of Clement L. Vallandigham, was placed over his grave in Woodland Cemetery, at Dayton, Ohio, last week.

Mr. William Floyd, a resident of Westernville, in this State, and a son of Gen. Floyd, one of the signers of the Declaration of Independence, has in his possession the pen with which that document was signed. It was made from the quill of a Scotch goose, and is twice the size of those which grow in this country.

The many friends of Solon Robinson, for so long a time our reliable market reporter and agricultural writer in THE TRIBUNE, will regret to learn that he is lying in a very precarious condition at his residence in Jacksonville, Fla. His illness (chronic ophthalmia) has lasted for some months, though it has only confined him to his room for a few days. He has, however, lately shown some improvement, and it is hoped that he will be able to resume his duties in a few days.

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liberties," and the "at all times brave and dauntless upholder of the Republican party." There is nothing about it that is outside of those resolutions.

Minister Orth's resignation of the Austrian mission, which he said would follow he was nominated for Governor of Indiana, has prompted several patriotic journals to rush before the public with the nomination of Gen. Babcock for the vacancy. The suggestion comes, however, from journals whose advice the President has not heretofore been pleased to accept, and he may, therefore, decline to follow it. This seems to be the only obstacle to the appointment, barring the doubtful laws of the St. Louis "conspiracy."

Even "Parson" Brownlow feels moved to say: "It will certainly be a sad day for the Republican party and for the country when such faithful and efficient public servants as Secretary Bristow are to be retired to private life to gratify a few persons whose friends have subjected themselves to the strong penalties of the law by their own dishonest acts. Let thieves and swindlers go to the penitentiary, but retain such men as Bristow in office to the end of their term, and let the laws for the punishment of such rascals as are of but little avail unless vigorously enforced."

There are many evidences just now that the Independent Voter is not beloved by the Democracy. Man, of the party journals speak of him in terms similar to the following, from The Harrisburg Patriot: "The so-called independent journals, whose independence mainly consists in selling with the wind, are now making threats of what may be termed a 'Republican' vote in the coming Presidential canvass. The 'Independent Voter' is no account in this country, except when he has the sense to perceive that the aggregations called political parties furnish him the only opportunity he has of forming a unit of that majority which shapes the policy of the country. His independence is best exercised about the time of the election, and then he is all the rest is rot and rustian."

Mr. David A. Wells has declined to be the Democratic candidate for Congress in the 11th Connecticut District. In his letter he says: "In reference to an intimation that I am occasionally made that I am not sufficient of a Democrat to be entitled to the confidence of those who are acknowledged to be such, I desire thereof to take advantage of this opportunity to say that the old and fundamental principles of Democracy, as I understand them, are mostly these: Hard money; no Federal tax for revenue purposes only; and such a restriction on the powers of the Federal Government that it shall neither do, nor propose to do, for the people anything which the people are willing and able to do for themselves. If these are the principles which the Democratic party profess to recognize, maintain, and adhere to, then count me in, in the last resort, as a Democrat."

The hard-money Democratic journals make no disguise of their belief that their party will be defeated in advance if the soft-money faction prevails in Congress and in the National Convention. Thus The Troy Press says: "If Mr. Holman and other incorrigibles who represent a couple of defeated States, persist in urging the party to the brink of political ruin, it is time that bolder counsels prevailed among the hard-money Democracy. What do these marplot-mongers intend? They suppose that Ohio and Pennsylvania are going to carry the Union with them, and that the rest of the States are almost certain to stay there. Nothing has occurred since they were led to indicate that they can be regained. Yet here is New-York, a hard-money, victorious Democratic State that must forthwith be snubbed at every turn, when her aid is indispensable to a national victory. If she has not turned against us, she will at least be a neutral. It is the necessity of coming with the New-York party, whose alternative in the coming contest is only defeat."

The vast number of people who are content to sit passively and allow the politicians to manage their nominating conventions is a bad food for reflection in these observations by The Springfield Republican: "In a different and healthy condition of politics, the nomination of Mr. Alden by the Democracy and of Mr. Bristow by the Republicans would be, to-day, foregone conclusions. Mr. Tilden is the one prominent leader of his party who has invested in reform. Similarly Mr. Bristow, as Secretary of the Treasury, has given the people such a sample of vigorous and vigilantly honest administration as makes them open the eyes of astonishment. It is a novelty, but they rather like it, and wouldn't it all object to more, a good deal more, of the same piece. Mr. Bristow, too, is a good deal more of the same piece. 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