

WASHINGTON.

A FLICKER OF LIFE IN AFFAIRS.

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A GROUP OF CHILDREN THROWN TO THE GROUND—ONE OF THEM KILLED, OTHERS INJURED. PHILADELPHIA, Aug. 4.—A sad and distressing accident occurred about 1:15 this afternoon, during a slight rain-storm.

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ANOTHER VOICE FOR VULCAN.

A SECOND PROFESSOR WHO SAW THE LONG-SIGHTED FOR PLANET. ROCHESTER, N. Y., Aug. 4.—In an interview with a reporter for The Democrat and Chronicle Professor Lewis Swift, of this city, stated that he discovered the planet Vulcan while at Denver 3° southeast of the sun and eight minutes from Theta Cancer simultaneously with Professor Watson's discovery.

THE PRESIDENT'S MIND MADE UP.

THE PRESIDENT MUST BE IMPRACED—"THE CASE" PROVED. WASHINGTON, Aug. 4.—Mr. Springer, of the Potter Committee, talks very freely of "the case," as he

calls it, which to his mind has already been established by the Potter Committee. He regards it as one which will not only justify impeachment, but which demands it. He thinks the Wormley Hotel conference, in connection with the subsequent action of the Louisiana Commission, quite sufficient to sustain articles of impeachment, and he fully expects the House to present them at an early day.

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MARYLAND POLITICS.

A TALK WITH MONTGOMERY BLAIR. THE POTTER INVESTIGATION AND THE DEMOCRATIC PARTY—MR. BLAIR LOOKS WITH FAVOR ON THE NATIONAL MOVEMENT—THE NEED OF A BOLD AGGRESSIVE POLICY ON THE PART OF REPUBLICANS.

MR. BLAIR SAYS THAT HE EXPECTED THE DEMOCRATS TO WIN IN THE FALL ELECTIONS. PUBLIC OPINION SEEMED TO HIM TO BE AS MUCH AGAINST THE RADICALS AS IT WAS IN 1874.

"DO YOU THINK THE POTTER INVESTIGATION HAS HELPED THE DEMOCRATS?" HE ASKED THE CORRESPONDENT. "I DO," WAS THE REPLY. "IT HAS GIVEN US AN ISSUE UPON WHICH THE PARTY HAS BECOME UNITED."

"I HAVE YET TO SEE YOU IN BALTIMORE, BUT THEY KEEP THEIR PROCEEDINGS SECRET, AND WE DON'T KNOW MUCH ABOUT WHAT THEY ARE DOING. THEY WILL PROBABLY DISPLAY SOME STRENGTH THIS FALL."

"AND DRAW OFF SOME DEMOCRATIC VOTES?" "NO, THE NATIONALS ARE ALMOST ALL RADICALS. THE GROWTH OF THE NEW PARTY WILL HELP THE DEMOCRATS. I LOOK WITH FAVOR UPON THE NEW ORGANIZATION, AND HOPE TO SEE IT INCREASE IN NUMBERS."

"IT HAS A GOOD EFFECT UPON OUR PARTY, AND TENDS TO BRING US BACK TO FIRST PRINCIPLES. THE DEMOCRATIC PARTY, AS YOU KNOW, HAS AT TIMES DRIFTED AWAY FROM ITS OLD IDEAS. THERE ARE MANY DEMOCRATS, SOME OF THEM REPRESENTATIVES IN CONGRESS, WHO HAVE COME INTO THE DEMOCRATIC RANKS SINCE THE WAR, AND DO NOT ACCEPT THE DOCTRINES ABOUT WHICH THERE WAS FORMERLY NO QUESTION."

"THEY WERE ONCE WHIGS OR REPUBLICANS. FOR INSTANCE, MANY DEMOCRATIC MEMBERS OF CONGRESS ARE PECUNIARLY INTERESTED IN BANKS AND OTHER CORPORATIONS, AND YOU CANNOT EXPECT SUCH MEN AS THOSE TO STRIKE OUT FROM THE SHOULDER AGAINST MONOPOLIES. THE GROWTH OF THE NATIONAL MOVEMENT WILL CAUSE OUR PARTY TO BE MORE CAREFUL IN REGARD TO THE KIND OF MEN IT NOMINATES."

"REFERRING TO MARYLAND STATE POLITICS, MR. BLAIR SAID THAT THERE IS ONE CLOSE DISTRICT—THE ONE IN WHICH HE HIMSELF LIVES, AND WHICH IS REPRESENTED IN THE PRESENT CONGRESS BY MR. WALSH. HE UNDERSTOOD THAT THE REPUBLICANS PROPOSED TO CONTEST THAT DISTRICT. MR. WALSH WILL NOT PROBABLY BE RENOMINATED. HE IS NOW SERVING HIS SECOND TERM, AND HAS NOT MADE A BRILLIANT RECORD IN CONGRESS. BESIDES THIS, MONTGOMERY COUNTY CLAIMS THAT IT IS ENTITLED TO THE CANDIDATE. THE CONTEST BETWEEN SEVERAL DEMOCRATIC CANDIDATES LIVING IN THAT COUNTY FOR THE NOMINATION IS VERY SHARP, AND MAY LEAVE BEHIND IT SUFFICIENT BITTERNESS AND DISAFFECTION TO ENABLE THE REPUBLICANS, IF THEY TAKE ADVANTAGE OF IT, TO GAIN A REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS. IN ANY EVENT, THE DEMOCRATIC MAJORITY IS NOT SO LARGE THAT IT CANNOT OVERCOME BY THE RIGHT SORT OF WORK. I BELIEVE THE REPUBLICAN CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEE HAS ALREADY TURNED ITS ATTENTION TO THIS DISTRICT, WHICH ADJOINS THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, AND IS INTENDING TO EXTEND TO THE LOCAL REPUBLICANS SUCH ASSISTANCE AS THEY MAY NEED."

"THERE WAS ONE REMARK MADE BY MR. BLAIR ABOUT THE NATIONAL MOVEMENT THAT IS WORTHY OF CAREFUL ATTENTION. HE SAID THAT THE NATIONALS ARE NEARLY ALL 'RADICALS.' THAT REMARK MAY BE TRUE OF MARYLAND, BUT I DO NOT BELIEVE IT. THE DEMOCRATIC PARTY HAS HAD UNDISPUTED CONTROL OF THE STATE OF MARYLAND FOR YEARS, AND IT HAS BEEN ESSENTIALLY A HARD-MONEY PARTY THERE. THE LEADING DEMOCRATIC NEWSPAPERS OF BALTIMORE HAVE OPPOSED INFLATION FROM THE FIRST, AND THE DELEGATION OF THE STATE IN CONGRESS, ALTHOUGH WITH EXCEPTION, HAS BEEN SOUND ON QUESTIONS AFFECTING THE CURRENCY AND FINANCES OF THE COUNTRY. THE REPUBLICANS, I BELIEVE, ARE EQUALLY COMMITTED TO A POLICY OF NATIONAL HONESTY, BUT THEY HAVE HAD NO OPPORTUNITY TO PUT THEIR PRINCIPLES INTO PRACTICE IN THE STATE. THE DISCONTENT OF WHICH THE NATIONAL MOVEMENT GROWS IS THE RESULT OF DISSATISFACTION WITH THE POWERS THAT BE, AND WILL STRIKE AT THE PARTY IN POWER. IN MARYLAND, IF THE NATIONALS CAST A LARGER VOTE THIS FALL, IT WILL BE TO THE INJURY OF THE DEMOCRATS; IN MASSACHUSETTS TO THAT OF THE REPUBLICANS."

"THIS STATE OF AFFAIRS SUGGESTS THE ONLY SAFE POLICY FOR THE REPUBLICANS EVERYWHERE TO ADOPT. THERE MUST BE NO COMPROMISE WITH OR ENCOURAGEMENT OF THE NATIONALS ANYWHERE. IN REPUBLICAN STATES AND DISTRICTS, THE ISSUE MUST BE SQUARELY MET AND REPUBLICANS WHO ARE INCLINED TO WAVER MUST BE HELD FIRM BY WELL-DIRECTED ARGUMENT. THERE NEVER WAS A PARTY WHOSE MEMBERS WERE SO SUSCEPTIBLE TO SOUND REASONING AS THAT WHICH HAS HELD THE REINS OF POWER IN THIS COUNTRY FOR THE LAST EIGHTEEN YEARS. THIS AGGRESSIVE POLICY IS THE ONE THAT HAS BEEN ADOPTED BY THE REPUBLICANS OF MAINE, UNDER THE LEAD OF SENATOR BLAINE, AND ITS CERTAIN SUCCESS THERE IN SEPTEMBER WILL REACT UPON THE CAMPAIGN IN OTHER STATES WHEN THE SAME WISE COURSE IS ADOPTED."

"IN DEMOCRATIC STATES AND DISTRICTS THE SAME COURSE OUGHT TO BE PURSUED. IT WILL NO MORE BE SAFE THAT IT WILL BE HONORABLE TO ENCOURAGE THE NATIONAL MOVEMENT IN ORDER THAT IT MAY DESTROY THE ENEMY. THE DANGER IS THAT THE MONSTER WILL TURN UPON THE ORGANIZATION THAT FEEDS IT AND DEVOUR IT. THAT HAS ALREADY BEEN THE SAD EXPERIENCE OF PARTY LEADERS IN SECTIONS WHERE THE NATIONAL MOVEMENT ATTAINED RESPECTABLE PROPORTIONS A YEAR AGO, AND IT IS AN EXPERIENCE THAT IS LIKELY TO BE REPEATED WHEREVER THE DANGEROUS EXPERIMENT IS TRIED. WITH A BOLD, OPEN, UNCOMPROMISING POLICY ON THE CURRENCY QUESTION, A READINESS TO DEFEND THE RECORD OF THE REPUBLICAN PARTY FOR WHAT IT HAS DONE IN THE PAST, IS TO-DAY EMPLOYING AND EXPECTS TO DO IN THE FUTURE, THE REPUBLICANS CAN WIN THIS FALL. THEY NEVER YET WERE POPULAR WHEN SUCH ISSUES AS THESE WERE INVOLVED IN A BIPARTISAN CONTEST AND AN AGGRESSIVE, UNCOMPROMISING POLICY WAS MADE."

Z. L. W.

A LARGE SHIPMENT OF ICE.

GARDNER, Me., Aug. 4.—An ice company of Philadelphia shipped from its house last week with one crew 2,200 tons of ice, the largest shipment in that length of time ever before made in this section. About 100,000 tons of ice still remain in the Kennebec to be sold.

CRIMES AND CASUALTIES—BY TELEGRAPH.

NEWTON, N. J., Aug. 4.—Luther Calvin, about sixty-five years old, a farmer of Hillwater township, committed suicide Friday evening with a razor.

COLENS, N. Y., Aug. 4.—Mrs. Rose Boudro, of No. 28 Egbert-st., was literally roasted alive yesterday, by her clothes becoming ignited from a burning kerosene can, while using the oil to kindle a fire.

BRATTLEBORO, Vt., Aug. 4.—A fourteen-year-old adopted daughter of the Hon. Edward Cross was brutally whipped by a tramp, about 11 o'clock yesterday evening, within a short distance of her home.

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