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Advertisements for THE WEEKLY SUN, issued to-morrow morning, must be handed in this evening before six o'clock.

Food For Reflection.

Mr. JOSEPH J. IVINS, editor and proprietor of the Athens Post, one of the oldest and most prominent of the Democratic newspapers of Tennessee, has left the Democratic party, and will hereafter act with the Republicans and give them the support of his journal.

From the telegraphic summary of his reasons for the change, it seems that "the arguments for the record that the development of manufactures in the South depends largely upon the success of Republican principles."

The course of Mr. IVINS is to be regretted, but every man is the keeper of his political conscience. If he believes that protection is necessary to the prosperity of the South, his belief is shared by millions of his countrymen, Democrats and Republicans.

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The American and French Centenaries. Both Paris and New York will next week commemorate events of pre-eminent importance in the history of the two greatest republics of modern times. A hundred years ago, France, as well as the United States, entered on a tremendous constitutional experiment.

It cannot be said that either of those experiments has upon the whole miscarried, but the success of one has far transcended that of the other. The merits of a polity, like the abilities of an individual, are judged by results, and tried by that test the outcome of the States General cannot bear comparison with that of the Philadelphia Convention.

If the growth and prosperity of the two countries, and their present relative position in the scale of power and civilization, may fairly be attributed in a large degree to their political history and institutions, we have tenfold more reason to be grateful to the Philadelphia Convention than the French have to thank the work of the States General.

A century ago, when the oath of the Presidential office was administered to WASHINGTON in a shabby building of a petty seaboard town, the thirteen colonies were an ill-compacted group of poor communities, containing in the aggregate only about four million inhabitants, pent between the Alleghenies and the Atlantic, and haunted by the fear of British aggression on their northern border, or of Spanish encroachments on the west.

It is interesting to examine the two anniversaries from another point of view. The principal problem which confronted the Government installed on this side of the Atlantic in April, 1789, was a fiscal problem. But for the bankruptcy of the old Confederation,

it would not have been discarded in favor of the more perfect Union proposed by the Philadelphia Convention. Precisely the same may be affirmed of the French situation a century ago. Could NECKER have otherwise averted the bankruptcy of the French crown, he would not have convoked the States General; and had not the people's delegates rejected NECKER's project of a loan, and sanctioned MIRABEAU's assignats, the experiment of a constitutional monarchy might have had some chances of success.

The threats of the seal poachers of Victoria to forcibly resist the execution of President HANNISON's proclamation are absurd. Their practice of killing seals with firearms in the open sea is so reprehensible that other nations as well as ours have an interest in checking it. The report of the House Committee on the Merchant Marine and Fisheries, at the last session of Congress, makes this point very clear. It shows that millions of fur seals were once found on various islands of the South Pacific, where now there are none to be seen.

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The argument of the House Committee that seals since only a small number of the fur seals remain on the islands for the entire season, while millions are slaughtered in areas of water in quest of food, "if the protection only embraced the islands and the three-mile belt surrounding them, the destruction would be swift and certain."

In August of last year England and several Governments of Europe entered into a Convention prohibiting all bounties on the making of sugar, England agreeing not to impose differential duties on sugar from the signatory countries, nor to levy any duty on such sugar which should not apply equally to the home product.

Nothing So Low in Price as the Modern Newspaper—Sold Below Cost. Ten days ago the New York papers announced that hereafter the price of their issues would be five cents. The modern newspaper, with its elaborate machinery, and people constantly marvel that so much can be supplied to them for a few pennies.

Advertising in the Legislative Record. To THE EDITOR OF THE SUN:—I read the editorial entitled "A State Advertising Record" published in today's Sun.

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For Don Bryant's Monument. To THE EDITOR OF THE SUN:—The Daily News of April 14, 1870, published the following: "A life largely devoted to works of charity, to the founding of hospitals, and fostering of orphans, rendered his religious predilection the best monument to Don Bryant."

ten cents, an amount of treasure which, considering its purchasing power in that part of the world, is not beneath the notice of thrifty persons. The fact that last stands out in bold relief that the happy Manilla who maintains a perpendicular by means of astras, does not receive the same amount of treasure as he is required to pay as much money as he is privileged to sit down.

Yesterday the voters of Massachusetts decided the prohibition amendment in favor of the prohibition. In view of the fact that the Massachusetts stands above it. The cities were almost all against prohibition, and it is noticeable that some of them, under the present local option system, grant no licenses, were not the least hostile to the amendment.

Some Southern paper has lately attacked Gen. ROGER A. TAYLOR, accusing him of deserting to the Federal side toward the close of the civil war. It is a groundless and malicious charge, and the paper which published it should be held responsible for the same.

The heads of the various departments, especially Secretary Windom, have made appeals made by Republican patriots to turn the "Democratic rascals" out of desirable Federal offices.

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