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The Democratic Revival.

The anti-imperialist campaign within the Democracy has been difficult. The party was not united on it. The faction condemning it as foolish and as the extremity of unreasoning and mistaken partisanship has been both large and influential.

Suddenly there came from the Philippines specific reports of rigor in the suppression of brigandage, and the divided Democrats thought that they had got together. Party oratory that had been bottled up was let loose with whoops of triumph.

Well, suppose that the native barbarians have, in some cases, moved our soldiers to transgress the line of gentleness desirable for ordinary warfare? We are confident that, in view of the provocation received and the peculiar nature of the task to be performed, the transgressions have been extremely slight.

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The French Election and the French Political Character.

Of the general election which took place in France on Sunday, the result is known in 574 out of the 581 constituencies. The supporters of Premier WALDECK-ROUSSEAU carried 243 districts, and his opponents 138.

Dr. FAGNANI, referring to the discussion of the eligibility of candidates for the ministry who look on the story of ADAM as a "myth," said jocosely: "If it is necessary to resuscitate a myth let us take up EVE, his better half, as she is a more interesting subject."

The drift, however, is to be prevented and turned instead to Presbyterianism, for FAGNANI predicted with confidence: "The Presbyterian Church" he said "is going to be the leading Church in New York in a few years" because it is going to get rid of its "old theology."

all right in his day, but this is a liberal age, and we require different standards. Unquestionably, the standards will be radically different if the mythical theory of the Bible taught by Dr. FAGNANI's seminary and accepted by young candidates for the Presbyterian ministry shall be adopted after the "first-class funerals" of the advocates of the Westminster Confession teaching of infallible Biblical inspiration have taken place.

Even if Dr. FAGNANI is justified in saying that from having been "narrow and ignorant" the Presbyterian Church "is now becoming more liberal," how can that transformation alone be enough to check the drift to the Episcopal Church because "we so like the service"? Will it draw back the thousands of Presbyterians who are now domiciliated in Episcopal churches?

The present demands of this taste Mr. GOLDWIN SMITH has described as indicative of "the growth of a vacuum in the region of religious belief, which music, art, flowers and pageantry are required to fill, and not to any change in religious belief which leads to the acceptance of all this grandeur of ritual as made necessary by the Real Presence on the altar."

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cal combination have been extended widely within the last few years, and the result is the development of a capacity for judging public affairs that has rendered the voters as a body less susceptible to the influence of extremists.

The permanence of a republican régime in France is still threatened by three dangers. The first is the emergence of a military hero glorified by a triumphant war. Of the two perils that loom on the horizon even in peace times, one is indicated by the current saying, attributed to THIERS, that the Republic will not be safe until it has been governed by the Conservatives.

The third and very serious danger with which the Republic is confronted is the condition of the finances. For some time the taxpayers were prevented from seeing how fast the tax-spenders were going by the habit of dividing the expenditure into ordinary and extraordinary, of which the former alone was defrayed out of the annual receipts, while the latter, as something ostensibly unusual, was provided for by loans.

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EXHIBITION AT THE GROELIER CLUB.

The current exhibition at the Groelier Club consists of etchings by Sir Francis Seymour Haden. With the thoroughness that characterizes the club the occasion has been made a notable one by the fact that for the first time every subject which the master is known to have treated is here shown collectively.

Richardson on Pork. The seventeen million dollar Federal buildings bill that has been jammed through the House was bad enough before, but it was rendered even more grotesquely outrageous in its aspect when the Hon. JAMES D. RICHARDSON of Tennessee arose to protest virtuously against it.

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PREACHES IN HIS SLEEP.

A Doctor Makes Some Remarkable Statements About a South Carolina Negro. From the Columbia State. A somewhat remarkable story came from Saluda county a short time ago about a negro who preached in his sleep. The man's name was Major Perry. The story was brought out by Saluda by an evangelist preacher, who was then on his way out of the State.

DEAR SIR: Replying to your request that I write what I know about Major Perry, the "sleeping negro preacher," I will say that I have known the Rev. Major Perry for a long time and have been his family physician for eight years. He is really a scientific wonder. He has been preaching every night, except occasionally on Friday nights, for about fifteen years. When he retires at night and goes to sleep he will read out his text—told exactly what it can be found—word and chapter, give it verbatim—and then begin his sermon.

He speaks laughing while laboring under this nervous writhing, but will begin his attack wears off and will go on and finish his sermon. He seems to be somewhat of a humorist, but he thinks that he is not a man who can easily expend some of his knowledge of mental philosophy in the study of his own mind. He is a man of a high order of intelligence, and his active mind is totally unconscious as to what has transpired, but it is active and does his bidding, and he is in a subconscious state, but why his subconscious mind should "sermonize" is a deep mystery.

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A Giant Sand Wheel. From the Milwaukee Sentinel. LAKE LEXINGTON, Mich., April 27.—Steel has come into use for the construction of massive structures it is doubtful if the same amount of metal has ever been put into a building of the same dimensions as that of the building at Lakeland, now nearing completion for the Cabinet and Hecla company at Lake Lakeland.

There are 400 tons of metal used in the construction of it, apart from that which will connect with the sand wheel proper, which will stand upon a separate foundation of concrete. The building is 65 feet in height, and is 84 feet from the foundation to the top. There are eleven columns of 7 feet in diameter and weighing ten and one-half tons each. The building is 65 feet in height, and is 84 feet from the foundation to the top.

Queer Service in Westminster Abbey. From the London Times. At midday yesterday members of the general public assembled in the cloisters of Westminster Abbey and evinced considerable interest in the service which Archbishop Wellesford daily conducts for the workmen engaged inside the building. The men, seated on either side of the altar, enjoyed their pipes during the service, and one or two took occasional trips from their seats of beer, their eyes all the while attentively fixed on the Archbishop. They applauded the Archbishop.

Greater Farmer in the World. From the St. Louis Globe-Democrat. Mr. J. M. Morris, of Morris Park, has been named as the greatest farmer in the world and feeds more cattle than any other person East or West. The man who has been named as the greatest farmer in the world and feeds more cattle than any other person East or West.

The Annual Event. From the Baltimore American. They got up with their early morning prayer. The public who were there things they ask this year, and they will be glad to see the same old thing again. The public who were there things they ask this year, and they will be glad to see the same old thing again.

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WASHINGTON'S BEGINNING.

How a Lottery Aided in Putting Up the Capitol Itself. From the Washington Times. Efforts to provide more decent and reputable quarters for the Chief Executive and his corps recall many interesting facts in the early history of some of the public buildings in Washington.

It was not until 1796 that the tempest-tossed Congress of the thirteen colonies saw the first evidence of the Federal city that excited the mind of the wisest, the forebodings of the timid. The circumference of the city as it now spreads out under the great dome is greatly contracted from the imposing dimensions originally laid out by the engineer.

In 1782 \$500 in gold was offered, without restriction as to calling, to the citizen who should send in a good design for the President's house. Fifty designs were sent in, and the best of the new city or a gold medal were offered for the best design of the Capitol. To a generation that has become familiar with the same annually appropriated and voted for Post Office and custom houses, the offer of a gold medal for the best design of the Capitol, by the State of Virginia, was a novelty.

It was for this that Wong Sun became a suppliant in Justice Austin's court yesterday. Sun is a vegetable man. One morning as he sallied forth on his daily rounds Sun met a milk wagon driven by a burly young fellow named George London.

London was fined \$40 with the alternative of forty days. Why Burglars Prefer Quakers as Victims. From the Philadelphia Evening Telegraph. An epidemic of burglaries that have occurred in Philadelphia in the last few weeks and that have been brought to the attention of the local police has caused the detectives considerable annoyance. Their investigation of the robberies disclosed the fact that in almost every instance the houses visited by the thieves was a home of a member of the Society of Friends. For a time this peculiar fact has puzzled the police, but they have found the reason. They say it is due to the fact that no Quaker will keep a gun in his house, and that when they are in a hurry to get out of the house they do not take time to lock the doors.

Another Grandfather's Clock Mystery. From the Philadelphia Record. WILLIAMSPORT, Pa., April 28.—At the death of aged Gottlieb Heiler, of near Liberty, Md., a grandfather's clock was found for more than eleven years, slowly struck five times. The old man had a premonition of death two weeks before he died, and he sold all his property and stopped a newspaper. He had been taken for twenty-four years ago by a fever, and he died last Saturday.

Arboretum in Nebraska. From the Nebraska State Journal. A Beatrice man who tried to plant a tree on Arbor Day complains that the wind blew it down. He says that he had been going to plant it in the ground, but the wind blew it down before he could get it into the ground.

Fashion Notes a Hundred Years Ago. From the London Times of 1802. An account of fashions is sometimes odd before it is light, notwithstanding the expensiveness of the materials used in its preparation. For instance, we had assumed the public taste in fashion had been seven, as the number of buttons on the lapels of a gentleman's coat. Countess de M... was very particular in her dress, and the number rose to ten with every fashionable dress. These three supplementary buttons were on the shoulder, and have no other design than ornament. The countess had a habit of wearing her veil, in form of cravat, as they say, and would not of having concealed the countess's countenance. Her dress, they are designed to be covering themselves, and preventing their faces from being seen by the public.

Law of Empancipation. From the Philadelphia Record. The law of empancipation in the State of Pennsylvania is now in force. The law provides that any slave who has been manumitted by his master, or who has been freed by the State, shall be free and shall not be bound to any master.

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