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MONDAY EVENING, NOV. 27, 1871.

OUR neighbor of the *Dispatch* takes a despairing view of the country in connection with the civil service reform measures, ambitiously discussed just now by Senator Carl Schurz in his lecture for the season; and asks whether the present "system" of abuses can be uprooted? It thinks not, and gives its reasons thus: "As long as the country remains a so-called Republic there is no good ground to hope for a revolution in the civil service." The inherent vice, then, does not lie in the "system," but in the melancholly fact that the country remains a so-called Republic. We had hardly expected so unfortunate an admission from any newspaper in the country since the defunct *Imperialist* went up in a blaze of expiring glory two years ago or more. That extraordinary sheet tried the pulse of the American people in reference to Imperialism, and while it let off any number of imperialistic rockets, to ominiously glare and flame on a perturbed sky, they all fell in most insignificant sticks, to annoy only those who let them off.

The *Dispatch* is more lugubrious over the political morals of the country than there is really any warrant for at present. Once satisfy the people of this country that the officials in power are corruptly abusing their trusts, and, our word for it, they will make short work of their tenure-of-office, if they do not post them off to Sing Sing and other sanitary institutions of the sort, in hot haste for their delinquences. Note with what suddenness—as if by a stroke of indignant lightning—the mighty fabric of Tammany fell. In no other country in the world, nor practically under any other form of government, could so sudden and crushing a revolution have taken place as that which overthrew, as in a moment, the boasted chiefs of Tammany. They fell before the indignant wrath of the people, (and those of the corruptest city in the Union, as the *Dispatch* will believe,) when awakened to the conviction of grossly abused trusts, as all other criminals of their stamp will fall when the impression obtains that are unworthy public servants.

The party favorites of yesterday become the despised and legally-pursued culprits of the party of to-day. Such a demonstration of public virtue as this, argues more for the integrity of the Republic than fifty years of undisturbed tranquility would have done, with all the pristine virtues of our people as displayed in public office half a century ago. Let our neighbor, then, not despair of the Republic. The "providential dispensation" which placed General Grant in the chief executive chair of state, secured to the country the strongest friend that the "civil service reform" now has. That he will work out, by the aid of the American people, such reform in the civil service as the exigencies of the country demand, and such as the people desire to see, we have no sort of doubt; nor need our neighbor of the *Dispatch* doubt it, if he correctly notes the signs of the times.

THE Washington papers are somewhat excited over the discovery that the Piedmont and Potomac railroad company, for the construction of whose road the people of that district voted, a short time since, over half a million of dollars, has barely a corporate existence under an old charter granted by the Legislature of this State, without a dollar's subscription in stock, or bonds negotiated, or the right of way even secured. In fact, the road has no corporate existence whatever in the District of Columbia, and the people there have put their "foot" into a pretty mess of it, according to the accounts of the local press. The fact is, it is about time that the people of the District of Columbia, and everywhere else, opened their eyes to this railroad subsidy business. It is safe to say that in ninety-nine cases in a hundred, where railroad subsidies are asked of the people, it is done with a view to fleecing them out of every dollar of it in the end. No class of men know better the practical result of voting such subsidies than those familiar with the history of railroad enterprises throughout the country; and when they go to the people for such a subsidy—no matter in what shape they seek to get it—they know it must end in bringing the parties to grief who make it. Besides, the principle is all wrong—criminally wrong—in the matter of securing these subsidies. It is attempting to do indirectly what the constitution of every State in the Union inhibits as being done directly. It is taking private property for only a *quasi*-public use without any just compensation. It enables a non-property-holding majority of the voters of any town, city, borough, or other corporate municipality, to seize and confiscate, for railroad purposes, every dollar's worth of property belonging to the property-holding minority, and turn it over to the more plethoric railroad corporations of the State. The whole thing is a fraud and gross iniquity upon the people of the country, and it is about time a summary stop was put to it. Let the constitutional barriers erected against such flagrant abuses be once more invoked for the protection of the people.

THE FORBIDDEN MEETING AT NORFOLK.

The communication in to-day's paper, from several prominent colored citizens of Norfolk, relative to the recent murder at Portsmouth, and the meeting of condolence, merits attention. The statements contained in it seem to be truthful, and candid in spirit. We have already expressed our opinion of the action of the Mayor at length, and have seen no reason to change it. We recognize the right of assembly as too sacred to be trifled with, or postponed, by any considerations of expense or safety, even; If the Mayor feared disturbance it was his clear duty to provide for quelling it, even to the extent of calling upon the Governor for military aid. A deep and irreparable wrong has been done, not merely to the persons immediately interested, but to the citizens of Norfolk as well. In the estimation of all honorable men, the city authorities would have stood far better, had they forbidden the meeting in terms. They lacked the courage to face responsibility, and so, by evasive indirection, they stabbed the public liberty in the back. We hope the city of Norfolk will put itself right before the county, by a speedy disclaimer of this unworthy action.

WE print to-day a very valuable communication from Parker Earle, President of the Southern Illinois Horticultural Society, and one of our most skilled and reliable practical fruit growers. Mr. Earle's fine exhibition of the most complete collection of Southern apples, will be remembered by all who attended the recent meeting of the American Pomological Society in this city. His experience and observation have been very extensive, and his essay seems to cover the ground more completely than any writing we have yet seen.

The subject is one of vast importance to Virginia. *It is safe to say that we have an interest of not less than a million dollars per annum in the prevention of the peach rot*, and destroying the curculio. With our necessary facilities of cummunication with the North, it is clear that this crop is to grow in importance every year. We hope that every reader of our paper, who has even a dozen peach trees, will read this essay and lay it aside carefully for future reference.

It is from the very highest authority, and we know that many of its suggestions are correct. If we can only rouse our people to a united effort to destroy the curculio and take as much care of their fruit trees as they give to their field crops, the wealth of Virginia would be vastly increased in five years, and her reputation established as a fruit-growing State.

A TELEGRAM from Paris informs us that on Friday last a large number of sympathizers with the ex-Emperor Napoleon made a demonstration in that city in his favor, traversing the Faubourg Saint Germain with shouts of "Vive Napoleon." No attempt, it seems, was made on the part of the police to interfere with the demonstration, and it passed off with such significance as a want of molestation was calculated to give it. When we consider that a few months ago the Thiers' government was so much excited over the election of "the Prince Napoleon (Jerome) to the French Assembly from Ajaccio," that they demanded his exile as security for the public tranquility in the island, the permission of this demonstration in favor of the ex-Emperor, in the streets of Paris, has a more marked significance than might seem at the first flush to attach to it. It is undoubtedly true that the great majority of the Imperialists of France are in favor of Napoleon, and believe him to have been the best ruler France has had in the last three centuries. The French people are mercurial enough to undergo a change from a republic to a monarchy at any moment when the current begins to set visibly that way.

A CURIOUS state of things is said to exist just now out in the Indian Territory. The attention of the Washington government has recently been called to the fact that negroes are still held in bondage by the Creek Indians, in spite of the fourteenth amendment, which was supposed to have had the effect of abolishing slavery in all the States and territories of the United States, and the District Attorney of the Western District of Arkansas has written to Washington for such instructions as the government may see fit to give in the premises. The constitution, as the supreme law of the land, must of course be in force in all the States and territories, but in our treaties with the Indians we have recognized them as distinct and seperate nations, with the right to manage their own domestic affairs in their own way. This anomalous state of things arises from having an *imperium in imperio* within the limits of the Indian Territory, and it is possible that to get entirely rid of slavery, we may have to abandon the traditional policy of the government in thus treating with the Indians, and make the fourteenth amendment as operative among them as among the whites.

AS INTIMATED editorially Saturday, the statements concerning Minister Schenck's mining operations in London are discredited at Washington, and charged as a market slander. The London paper in which the charges first appeared is a stock-jobbing sheet of Lombard street, and the whole story may be a mere "bull" or "bear" canard. This is also said to be the opinion of the members of the British Legation at Washington.

NEW PUBLICATION.

The Paris Commune. By W. PEMBROKE FETRIDGE. HARPER & BROTHERS *Publishers, New York*, 1871.

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The work must be begun between the 1st and 30th of January next, and completed on or before the 1st of July, 1872. Bids must be per cubic yard. Any further information desired may be obtained by application at this office.

R. D. MINOR,
Engineer James River Improvement.

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Engineer Secretary.

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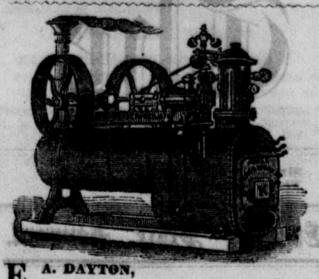

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