

Stanton Spectator.

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Stanton.

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There is one fact, however, we have all along endeavored to impress upon the public mind, and that is, the city government, and the people must keep up a full share of the public spirit of improvement and progress, which should be here in good old Stanton as it is elsewhere in all our Southland, if we would win and hold fast foreign capital and population in our common pursuits and united prosperity.

Otherwise the best efforts might fail or weaken in realization. We say that we have the most favorite of locations for great progress, and it is true. We affirm that the very best resources for transcendent growth and profitable investment are at our doors, and that is equally true; and now if we are to realize, concerted and concentrated action on the part of all agencies shaping the public policy of the city are required. This we confidently believe is coming to pass—indeed it has been in progress, and complete co-operation is assured. The foundations of Stanton have been widened out and her great and full prosperity as realization step by step elevates the conception of her future will not be a work to accomplish. The oldest will modestly wear the laurels which a common wish and a united hope have awarded her as the "Queen City of the Valley."

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Most handsomely Buena Vista takes her rank with the leading centers of development in the iron-ore fields of the Valley of Virginia. Proud of her fame in the past, she crowns the new beginning of the future to the admiration of men everywhere who recognize indomitable pluck, sagacious foresight and that action in its broadest sense which maintains a wise policy guided by conviction.

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Bayonets and Ballots.

As the Lynchburg News well says, that was a superb point scored by Major Daniel in the Senate on Thursday last. In the course of the debate on the federal election, or force bill, Mr. Frye, of Maine, took occasion to say that he "did not think the law one-tenth wide enough or one-tenth elastic enough." "If," said he, "it was necessary to put a bayonet behind every ballot, I would be in favor of a bayonet behind every ballot."

Major Daniel commented upon Mr. Frye's declaration as to associating a bayonet with every ballot, and that suffrages should be decided at the muzzle of guns. That, he said, was the Senator's (Mr. Frye's) conception of a republic—a bayonet and a ball side by side, but that was not the conception of a republic which the American people had to-day.

This unguarded admission of Senator Frye, uttered on the moment under the white heat of debate and sectional animosity, gives to the country the key-note of the force bill. It is a military measure under the guise of a judicial supervision by the federal judges of the district courts. The judges are to appoint marshals with power to summon their myrmidons to enforce their behests at the point of the bayonet. Frye said he would be willing to put a bayonet behind every ballot; that is, he is willing to see twelve millions of dollars surrounding the polls—for there are over twelve millions of ballots cast at our Congressional and Presidential elections. In other words, there is not a remote crevice or corner in the country; not a cave or cavern, not a glade or glen, from which a voter can emerge to cast his ballot, but behind him shall stride a federal official with his cartridge-box and bullet. To put it pointedly, the country is, in election days, to be converted into a military camp. Behind the free, unsuspecting American voter is to be the shadow of the furtive and armed janizary of a despotic party which has seized the federal government by fraud, and purposes to hold it by violence.

A bayonet behind every ballot! The remotest precincts in all our borders, and our farthest frontiers, to glitter with the steel of federal emissaries. Behind every tree and rock and bush will lurk a bayonet and a bullet ready to spring at the call and command of the Rob Roy and Roderick Dhu of the Republican cause in Washington. The startling scene of Clan Alpine's Glen is to be renewed, at least throughout the borders of the South:

Wild as the scream of the curlew,
From camp to camp the signal flew,
The bayonets and spears and bent bows
Were leveled to the sky,
The drum and fife were heard afar,
The bugle sounded the charge,
The shouting of the warriors
Was heard on every side.

We are glad that Mr. Frye, in his fervor, has disclosed the true inwardness of the force bill. It is in the power of the great Chief of the Executive to veto the "Federal Election Bill," but the intention of the free American press and the people instinctively characterized it as the "Force Bill." Such now Senator Frye proclaims it to be. It is a bill that is ready to put a bayonet behind every ballot. Much praise is due to Senator Daniel for the instant and eager advantage he took of this unguarded utterance in the armor of the adversaries and enemies of constitutional government and free institutions. A great point, a very great point has been gained, and we are gratified to see the Senator who has been the great advocate of this malicious measure to recover the ground which was lost by the candid declaration of the Maine Senator, extended in a moment when his sectional hate and angry temper prevailed over the customary equanimity beneath which he hides his partisan rage and rancor.

REPUBLICANS IN A QUANDARY.—The Republicans are truly in a perplexing quandary, for as the N. Y. Herald says they don't know whether to go ahead with the force bill or not. The Maine Senator, they remind us of the Irishman who had swallowed an egg without breaking the shell. He was in a terrible state of mind, because if he jumped round he might break the egg and the shell would cut his stomach, and if he lay still the egg would hatch and he would have a Shanghai rooster clawing his inside.

ANIMUS OF THE FORCE BILL.—The Richmond Dispatch says the animus of the force bill was very clearly brought out in the Senate Thursday by Mr. Frye, when he mentioned the Maine Senator, for a bayonet behind every ballot, in the discussion of the measure referred to. It was also very properly emphasized by Major Daniel, who called attention to the fact that while Mr. Frye's conception of a republic may be an association of bayonets with ballots, the conception of the American people of this republic of ours, founded in the blood and hardship and patient labor of the Fathers, is a very different thing indeed. Mr. Frye will probably hear a tremendous second to this proposition of Mr. Daniel's at the next general election.

THE UNION GETTING SOLID.—In 1891, says the Montgomery Advertiser, there will be a Farmers' Alliance Governor in Kansas, democratic Governors in twenty-eight States and the governorship in two States in dispute. Add to this that Illinois and Indiana, though they have "Republican" Governors, have elected democratic Legislatures. The States now arrayed against high taxes and the bloody shirt issue number 50,900 inhabitants, against 11,300,000 in republican States. The republican majority in the present United States Senate represents the sentiment of a small fraction of the American people. In trying to pass the force bill it presents the spectacle of minority rule trying to perpetuate itself by unscrupulous means.

The State treasurer of Virginia has "received \$15,000 from the federal government for Blackburg College and Hampton Normal School. This is under an act of Congress appropriating this amount annually for the benefit of this class of institutions.

Friday last while a little daughter of D. G. Watkins, of Chesterfield county, was playing with her little brother near the hearthside her clothing caught fire and she was so badly burned, that she died in a few hours.

The private soldiers' monument on Liberty Hill, Richmond, will be a reproduction of Pompey's Pillar at Alexandria, Egypt, surmounted by a bronze figure of a Confederate infantryman, musket in hand. Already a considerable portion of the granite work has been done.

The military authorities say there is now no likelihood of an Indian uprising, as the troops are masters of the situation.

The Irish orator, William O'Brien, T. P. Gill, and Timothy Harrington, a suitor from New York for Miss last Saturday,

Mr. Jane Bangardner, who is of the re-

ported age of 104 years, but still makes trips personally three times a year to Parkersburg, W. Va., several miles from her home at the Army of West Virginia reunion and proved as big an attraction as ex-President Hayes.

Mr. Parnell arrived in Dublin Wednesday, the 10th, and was received enthusiastically by the people of that city, a number of whom unharassed the horse from his cab and pulled the vehicle through the streets. Subsequently Mr. Parnell went to the office of the newspaper United Ireland, ordered the sheriff to seize the plant of the company and shot the editors, which thing he did not do only after a lively scolding by the employees.

President Harrison is said to have made a personal appeal to republican Senators last Wednesday to pass the force bill on the ground that the party leaders are pledged to it.

Sir Frederick Frankland, a descendant of Oliver Cromwell, was married in New York Wednesday to Miss Charlotte D. Zeraga, of noble Danish ancestry.

The official figures of the Boston election show that John H. Sullivan, democrat, is elected to the board of aldermen from the first district instead of Wesley A. Grove, republican, which makes the board 9 democrats to 3 republicans. Sullivan's plurality is 23.

Representatives of the confederation of farmers' and laborers' organizations of Illinois, including the State Grange, Patrons of Husbandry, Farmers' Mutual Beneficial, Farmers' Alliance and Knights of Labor, held a secret conference at Springfield Tuesday last week and resolved to make a united effort to elect a practical farmer to the United States Senate.

Fletcher M. Dogget, son of Dr. Cyrus Dogget, of Fayetteville, Botetown county, was killed Tuesday evening the 9th, by a runaway horse. He had been driving on horseback during the afternoon with some friends and as he was calling up his dogs to close the day's chase his horse took fright and ran, throwing its rider with the fatal result. He was about twenty five years old.

Arthur C. Caldwell, aged twenty years, a native of Victoria, British Columbia, committed suicide in Baltimore, where he had been studying dentistry.

The bureau of animal industry reports that the possibility of applying bacterial products to the prevention and cure of diseases was first made evident by the investigations of the bureau concerning diseases of hogs, and if Dr. Koch's remedy is of the nature supposed he is applying a principle discovered in the United States.

The Christian Church in the city of Manchester occupied Richmond, just completed, was destroyed by fire Thursday night through a defective flue. Loss, \$6,000; insured.

The first experiment in Baltimore with Dr. Koch's lymph was tried Friday at John Hopkins' Hospital in the presence of a number of physicians.

It is thought to be the purpose of the advocates of the force bill to stir up a bitter sectional debate in the Senate in the hope of solidifying the party lines.