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REPUBLICAN SENATORS move steadily forward as though they mean to pass the election bill. They are on the right track.

"McKINLEY prices" don't seem to be worrying the Democratic politicians as much as they did before the election. Times have changed.

CEL. ALB. CAMPBELL, through a communication in another column, makes a strong plea for an Ohio county subscription to the State Line railroad.

MR. PALMIST is under the impression that America stands with him. The one great leader seems to be losing his mind. If not, he will realize the situation when the flow of the funds into his coffers is cut off.

THE INTELLIGENCER is the good friend of the small boy. Therefore he will take kindly the suggestion that the sidewalk in not a good place for him and his sled. Much sledging has made a slippery sidewalk, and on that less may be broken. There are plenty of good skating courses in Wheeling without using the sidewalk against the law.

IMPORTERS who bought heavily on the other side in the hope of unloading on jobbers and retailers under the supposed influence of the tariff, have now on hand large stocks from which the jobbers with ready money may select at prices lower than those demanded before the election. The enormous jump has not come; neither has the time been eager to follow the example of the importers and load up. There is a useful lesson in this chapter of recent history.

Government Repositories for Crops. The new State of Washington has more wheat than the railroads can move to market. The South has raised so much cotton that the price is unattainable, and growers are holding. If the Farmers' Alliance can get the Democratic party well fixed in power and can then induce that party to set up sub-treasuries to take farm products in pledge, how much storage room would be required to store the cotton now being held for an advance? How much for the wheat? How much for everything else?

Going to see What They Can Do. Democrats are scanning the map and going over the census returns by counties to see how they can give West Virginia a new carving to keep it Democratic for another century. There will be a redrawing scheme that will make Republicanism pale if all the Democratic rivalries can be brought into harmonious accord. Here's the rub. The coming Legislature will not be far under way before the Democratic hand will be shown.

The present lines on the political map were thought to fix the State about right from the Democratic point of view. Every Congressional District was thought to be safe and the Legislature beyond the danger of successful attack. Some things have happened since then and the red-eye of the Democracy has opened wide to the peril of the situation.

Church Membership. Albert H. Smith, of Brooklyn, forged for several thousand dollars, was convicted and is now serving a seventeen-year sentence in Sing Sing. Smith was a member of Plymouth church, which has declined to strike his name from the roll. So that so far as the church records show Smith, though serving a sentence for felony, is still a member in good standing, and there has not for one moment been any change of relations between him and the church.

Rev. Dr. Lyman S. Abbott, pastor of Plymouth, defends this policy on the ground that we are taught to bring back sinners to the path of righteousness. There is also a teaching about "works meet for repentance." It may be imagined that Smith was sorry he was caught. Even Plymouth does not claim to have so much as the assurance of repentance.

The logic of the pastor's argument is peculiar, and from it follows the conclusion that a Plymouth member can do nothing that will justify the church to turn him out or to say to the world that it sees a difference between saint and sinner where the question of membership is involved. Under this ruling Plymouth should be a popular church among those enemies of society who like to be carried on church rolls.

The Oil Market. Those who dabble in oil as a pastime or who take a flyer as they would play the lottery, may be able to preserve their composure with oil more than forty cents lower than it was at this time last year and at the lowest point it has reached in three years.

The men who make a business of producing oil have no share in any such composure. They see the price of their product going down while supplies of all sorts are held as high as when oil was bringing a dollar, and the well paid laborer is getting as much now as ever.

The legitimate producing interest declines in the oil market, in some fields, as in West Virginia, accompanied by a reduction of the premium, is a serious business. The difference may easily be the difference between a fair profit and a considerable loss.

The decline is variously explained. Perhaps the trouble in the money market has something to do with it, and yet this explanation would be more satisfactory if the downward tendency had not set in strong before the financial disturbance began.

The controlling trouble lies at the door

of the Standard Oil Company, which has such a mastery over the oil business as no other concern or combination has over any other interest. Gould's influence over the speculative stock market is a mere bagatelle in comparison. When producers get together and make common cause on a strictly business basis they will secure for their product a fair chance in the market, and the market price will bear some relation to the supply and the demand, a consideration which does not now enter into the market quotations.

ABOUT THE PUBLISHERS.

"The Taking of Louisiana," by Samuel Adams Drake, is a little volume easily read through in an hour and containing more history on an important point than is usually found in so small a compass. It is the true story of the fight between England and France for the possession of Canada—a heroic recital of the part the colonists played in whipping France in the New World and receiving England her lost possessions in the Old World. It shows what and the fighting fathers were made of, and how untrained commanders of undisciplined troops reduced a fortress which the best engineers of the day had pronounced to be impregnable.—Lee & Shepard, Boston, Stanton & Davenport, Wheeling.

Those who have read "Little Baron Trump and his wonderful Dog Balger" will not need to be told that Mr. Ingersoll Lockwood has a vivid imagination which he knows how to turn to good account in improbable stories told in delightful style. The latest from Mr. Lockwood is "Little Giant Boob and his Lockwood Key-Note Table." This same table is altogether a wonderful bird, which needs some wonderful people and has some remarkable adventures. The illustrations are abundant and delightful.—Lee & Shepard, Boston, Stanton & Davenport, Wheeling.

"Stories of the Civil War" is a collection by Albert F. Blaisdell brought together from all sources and illustrating the varied phases of life in camp and on the field. The Navy comes in for a share of attention. The work will be of particular interest to boys. Illustrated.—Lee & Shepard, Boston, Stanton & Davenport, Wheeling.

"Anatomy, Physiology and Hygiene" is a text book on which Prof. James W. Hartigan, of the University of West Virginia, has long been engaged and in which he has done himself great credit. The arrangement is good and the style well adapted to the subject treated. A feature of the work is its numerous colored illustrations, at once attractive and helpful to the student. A table of the muscles and a glossary give additional value to the book.—John E. Potter & Co., Philadelphia.

The story of the settlement of the Ohio Valley is as interesting as any romance, and it cannot be told too often. It is best told by the men who played parts in that rude tragedy. In "The Life and Times of Ephraim Cutler," we have such a story by one of the others of the State of Ohio, a man who filled important public stations, and all of them with credit. Judge Cutler was one of a small party that migrated from Killingly, Conn., to Marietta, which place they reached in thirty-one days from Williamsport, Pa., making the voyage down the Ohio in a Kentucky boat. The Pittsburgher who wrote the book is a student of log cabins, and Wheeling displayed the same sort of architecture, each house surrounded by a stockade as a protection against hostile Indians. The journey down the river was eventful enough. The Cutlers landed two children on the way, and Mrs. Cutler bore two boys. Some of the glimpses of the life of the pioneer are given in hard knocks and privations to the stoutest heart. Salt was a gilt-edged commodity. It came over the Alleghenies on pack-horses, and it took from 55 to 60 cents a bushel to get it to Marietta. It was not to be had at any price. The book is a mine of information.—Robert Clarke & Co., Cincinnati.

A MAN who has practiced medicine for forty years ought to know salt from sugar; read what he says:

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