

AN OLD GLOBE.

What Was Known of the State of Iowa One Hundred and Sixty Years Ago.

This globe we have in mind is seven feet in diameter and made of wood, by a Captain Cook, Father Le...

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"Yes, Gypsy here has some queer tastes and habits."

The speaker was the manager of a circus which is wintered in the city for the winter. The gypsy referred to was a large-sized 3-year old elephant who stood close by, relating the story of how he was taken over his back. A few minutes before the manager had dropped from his pocket a hair-wood pipe that had seen over a year of service, and he was now as sweet as sugar.

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"Yes, he is like the camel which Mark says does not eat. I have seen up Mark's coat. We do not dare to leave any old clothes lying within reach of his trunk. Gypsy will eat them in three minutes to get away with a coat. A pair of pants will disappear down his throat in just four minutes, and he will maintain an overcoat in about ten minutes."

"Has he any preferences as to the quality of the goods he eats?" "He never noticed that it made any difference whether they were imported or domestic, basket pattern or cork-crow. I have given Gypsy a pound of sugar every day, and he has never thought of eating me, or any of the rest of the animal world."

"But I wish you could be here in the morning when he gets up. You see, the keeper of the animals makes his bed on the ground in the morning, and the gypsy always lies down on his bed of straw close by. In the morning, when he thinks it's time to be up and stirring, the animal will reach over with his trunk and rub it over the keeper. If that fails to awake him the elephant will pull the bedclothes off, and he will keep the racket up until the man is fully aroused."

"Yes," he said to the keeper who stood near, "and he has a habit of nearly always waking up about an hour before I am ready to get up. It's no use kidding, though, for he is a very determined animal and always has his own way."

Improvement in Torpedoes.

Hitherto the difficulty with the torpedo as an instrument of offense on shipboard has been to launch it properly from the beam when the vessel is going at a high rate of speed. It used to be launched by means of a crane, which was attached by a piece of wire to the ship as it was being fired. But the pressure of the water caused the guide to vibrate from side to side, laterally, so as to either jam the torpedo directly or injure it at the moment of leaving the shaft. A strong and rigid gun metal shield has been added to the torpedo, and the pressure of the British war ship Polyphemus for the purpose of projecting from the side a tank taking the pressure of water from the guides. This arrangement is devised which will insure a safe and certain dispatch of a torpedo from the side of a vessel.

According to the truth-telling Post of this Boston mail way with 10,000,000 cases of beans during the last year.

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AT LAST IT IS OVER

Ohio and the Cabinet.

The following well-timed and sensible article is from the pen of Hon. E. B. Eshelman, editor of the Akron City Times. We give it a place in our columns because it meets our unqualified approval, and think it will find a response in the heart of every true Democrat in Ohio.

"Why not Ohio in the Cabinet? Senator Gorman was in New York City on Saturday, and he is reported to have said that 'the Cabinet may be made and unmade twenty times between this and the 4th of March.'"

Perhaps the more accurate statement would be that President-elect Cleveland has not yet decided on his Cabinet, and will not make a final decision as to all its members until within a day or two of the inauguration. He is moving with commendable deliberation.

In the close conference he invited the latter part of last week at Albany with Hon. Samuel J. Randall, and then afterwards with Speaker Carlisle and Vice President Hendricks, we discern a purpose to harmonize the Democratic party as far as possible in the outset. The President-elect is now in New York City participating in a conference of larger scope with leading Democrats.

These conferences, suggestive of harmony in the Democratic party and of good will to the country, embolden us once more to a consideration of Ohio in connection with a Cabinet appointment.

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Why should it not have a place in the Cabinet? There was no place for Ohio in Polk's Cabinet, nor in Pierce's Cabinet, nor in Buchanan's Cabinet. And President Cleveland can undoubtedly get along without Ohio having a representative in his Cabinet, and yet it might be one of the most sagacious things he could do to give it a representation therein.

We know the answer flies to almost every lip: "Oh, Ohio is a Republican State—only Democratic when it is of no consequence to the Democracy of the United States generally."

A deep dark political night set in on the Democracy when the State registered a majority of 43,000 in round number in 1850, against the party alone; but the following year, the party in Ohio rallied with such unanimity and force that they carried a majority into the Legislature and came within less than 3,000 of electing their candidate for Governor.

That Legislature sent a Senator into the U. S. Senate, and from that day to this the Ohio Democracy have had an unbroken representation in that body. When the Ohio Senator took his seat, who was elected in January, '68, numerically, there was an insignificant Democratic representation in the U. S. Senate; and on the 4th of March, as Grover Cleveland takes the oath as President of the United States, there will stand in his presence ready to support him on all proper occasions, with rare ability and an experience gathered from a long and successful life, a Democratic Senator from Ohio, whose commission will carry him two years beyond that, if at Mr. Cleveland will hold as President. As President Cleveland shall look over the Senators, he will fail to notice such support from New York or Pennsylvania. And then, to a majority of the Ohio delegation to the next Congress is Democratic—a Democratic Senator and 11 Democratic Congressmen—a substantial contribution of support that very few States can offer to the incoming President.

It would seem then that the Democracy of Ohio did carry elections when they were of the utmost importance to the Democracy of the United States at large. Is this not worthy of some recognition?

The Democrats need more Senators in the U. S. Senate. They are in a minority there. Pennsylvania and New York have just elected Republicans to that body. So it is useless to look to those States for Democratic Senators. Ohio will elect a Legislator in October that will elect a successor to General Sherman. Whether that successor shall be a Democrat or a Republican may depend upon whether Ohio is honored with a Cabinet position

or is passed by. A Cabinet officer from our State, if so disposed, could do much to harmonize the Democratic party and assure Democratic success in the fall. It is no freak of the imagination to assume that President-elect Cleveland feels kindly towards the Democracy of Ohio and would recognize them by calling one of their number into the Cabinet, if he were allowed to make the selection. By this time he must know which one of them would, in his judgment, best fill a place in the Cabinet.

Why, then, would it not be well for the Democracy of Ohio to make an instant, united appeal to him to recognize and honor the Democracy of the State by calling into his Cabinet a member of the party? The State is greater than any individual. There can be no impropriety in asking that the State be honored.

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Port St. Louis is marked on the Illinois river, about 100 miles from its mouth. Salt Springs are located very near the celebrated Hot Springs of Arkansas, and it is probable that the famous Arkansas baths have been known to the early missionaries, let us hope with great relief to those pioneer fathers who were traversing the malarial swamps of the West.

Many other singular features appear in these extracts from the "Globe." They are the earliest map of Iowa extant, so far as known, and will be studied with deep interest by students of history and geography