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American Oratory.

There is a recurrent disposition on the part of some of the northern papers to sneer at what they are pleased to term the decadence of American oratory or eloquence.

The debate in Congress upon the silver question has already evoked a good deal of literature of the order mentioned above, and we may reasonably expect much more of this comparative criticism before the Senate reaches a vote.

As to the first question it may be remarked that there are few things regarding which men differ more than the definition of eloquence or oratory.

The position of commander of the Virginia oyster fleet is vacant by the death of the gentleman who lately held that position and there are a number of applicants for it.

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tering the smoke-filled hall he would find the tobacco-laden atmosphere of the hall much less obnoxious to him.

When Mr. Monse gave vent to his views on this question the rules of the House were under consideration (it was on Friday), and an amendment was adopted disqualifying persons who are not congressmen (visitors and others) from smoking in the hall at any time, but at that very moment there were members of the House actually smoking in the hall—many of them doing it, it is reported, to annoy Mr. Monse.

We repeat that the majority of smokers are too inconsiderate of the comfort of the people. What our women suffer from tobacco smoke few of us stop to think. If the evil continues they will have to adopt cigarette-smoking as an antidote—that is to say, fight the vice by embracing it.

In the country, in the chimney corners, we have seen old women with pipes in their mouths, and we half suspect that they were driven to this course in sheer despair of ever living in an atmosphere free from the odors of tobacco.

The Home-Rule Bill. The "home-rule bill" has passed the British House of Commons by a majority of 24. This result is a great personal triumph for Mr. Gladstone—a splendid tribute to his genius as a political tactician and to his personal magnetism.

It is safe to say that no other British statesman could have carried the measure so far in the face of such adverse conditions. His persistence in the cause during his six years he has championed it, and the consummate skill with which he has managed to keep together his heterogeneous majority in the present House, challenge the admiration of friend and foe alike.

But after all the fight for Irish self-government is only half won. There seems to be no question that the House of Lords will reject the bill. What then? Will there be a dissolution of Parliament and the measure be presented to the Queen for her assent, or will the Queen exercise an ancient royal prerogative and dismiss the Ministry? The last-named recourse is hardly among the possibilities, nor do the opposition seem to expect the first. The fate of the bill would therefore seem to be involved in the question whether the Lords will finally reject, as they did in 1831, on this point, it will be difficult to speculate with any degree of satisfaction until the tactics of the Unionists and Tories have been further developed.

When we consider, however, that the same pressure cannot be brought to bear upon the peers that was used in respect of the reform bill, the chances seem to be in favor of eventual dissolution and appeal to the people. This view is strengthened by the fact that Parliament will now devote its time to other legislation which incidentally may cause dissension in the home rule ranks and encourage the Lords to take a bolder attitude than they would have otherwise assumed.

The Pirates of the Chesapeake. The position of commander of the Virginia oyster fleet is vacant by the death of the gentleman who lately held that position and there are a number of applicants for it.

It is regarded as a desirable berth; but it is a place of danger as well as a place of honor and emolument, for though the high seas are now-a-days clear of pirates, the Chesapeake bay is still infested with them—at least with so-called "pirates." These are skippers who depredate upon the oyster beds of the Commonwealth and who on occasions, when caught in their crime, have not hesitated to "show fight."

Up to this time the General Assembly has not considered that the Commonwealth's revenues from her oyster beds justified any increase of the fleet, but an increase is clearly necessary and we trust that the forthcoming reports of our fiscal officers will show that the revenue from the oyster-beds now warrants the needed appropriation.

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National Banking Paralyzes Business.

To the Editor of the Dispatch: In the year 1837, in an annual message to Congress, Mr. Buchanan gave a description of the then condition of the country, which clearly defines the lineaments of the panic which now paralyzes business.

The above is probably intended for a condemnation of state banking, but it is equally condemnatory of national banking, because the national banking caused a "panic which paralyzes business" it is quite as bad as state banking, which has never done worse than paralyze business.

There have been times when state banks have suspended their charters, but never when they have suspended all payments; times when they have suspended all payments, but never when they have suspended their charters in every respect—violated their reserve, violated them in banking certificates, violated them in refusing to cash checks—that is never until now, under a system of national banking, supposed to be the perfection of safety and security.

The above is a good illustration of the danger and so long as men have to be rich, it is liable to run into perilous extremes, but no banking has ever yet more upset and paralyzed business than our national bank system, instituted to "insure the people a sound currency," and act however so detrimental to the people's honesty and capacity, that it has been invaded to minister to the necessities of the moment.

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