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What a Cur of Judgment Secretary Sherman must be, to be sure. Here is the Democratic organ giving a list every week-day morning of bankrupts under the stereotyped head-line "Crushed by JOHN SHERMAN." The secret of this worn-out charge and its frequent use by the organ is that the Secretary is a Republican, and has refused to be crushed by JIMANDERSON, Mr. POTTER, and the gang of perjured conspirators who serve it and support it in its precarious existence. The bankrupts are the victims of the instability of financial rule during the past three years of Democratic control in the House.

PRIVATE DALLIANCE is among the possibilities of the Forty-sixth Congress. He would be a decided improvement upon many members of the House we know of, albeit he is addicted to a very free use of his pen. His experience in the Ohio Legislature proved him to be a useful man and a loyal one, who served his constituents ably and discreetly. The Cincinnati Gazette proposes to turn him loose in his district and let him do as he pleases. We hope the suggestion will be adopted. One thing in his advantage he is never ashamed of anything he has written, wherein he differs from other Ohio statesmen.

A COMPARISON of the attitude of President Hayes with that of his opponent, Mr. Tilden, during the passage of the Electoral-Commission bill, is greatly to the credit of the former. TILDEN'S friends in and out of Congress were in constant consultation with him at that time, and he was eager in his attempts to interfere with the coincident proceedings in Congress. President HAYES, on the contrary, abstained from all direct or indirect interference in the premises. Whatever may be said of his performances since then, President HAYES is certainly entitled to credit for his behavior previous to his inauguration—that is, if we overlook his letter of acceptance.

GENERAL BEN BUTLER is most assuredly a fickle political horse. He has flirted with all the political organizations extant, and his latest dalliance with poor DENNIS KEARNEY is the most disgraceful bit of coquetry of them all. KEARNEY advertised that he intended to visit the widow at her home. The widow didn't wait; but took him by the fore-lock, or DENNIS by his fore-lock, and called on him. Thereafter she played her cards her own way, and now seems to have jilted the California gallant entirely. In the course of time this fickleness will meet its just reward. The old adage about the pitcher and the well comes into play here. The Widow must look out for her pitcher.

GENERAL GRANT'S remedy for riotous labor strikes is to shoot the ringleaders. But there were no strikes that ended in riot during his career as President. He had a preventive remedy, which was embodied in his bold and prompt advocacy of the eight-hour law and in his consistent and persistent attempts to secure the greatest benefits under the laws to the laboring men. No other President ever made such an acceptable record as the friend of the laboring classes as his. His name is coupled everlastingly with the eight-hour law, and his instincts, bred of his personal experience in the medium walks of life, served to put him always in close sympathy with those who earn their living by the sweat of their brow. His enemies are mistaken when they assume that the people regard him either as an aristocrat or a dangerous intriguer against our governmental system. They know that he is with them and of them and that he is their friend.

ONE Colonel THOMPSON addressed the voters of Morgan County, W. Va., at Berkeley Springs, last Monday, as an Independent candidate for Congress. He advocated the policy of a paternal government to the extent of a law providing that the States shall be permitted to borrow money from it at 1 per cent.; the counties from the States at 2 per cent.; and the people from the counties at 3 per cent. How he expected to raise the wherewithal to pay for the printing of this money he did not explain. While he is not the author of this absurd proposition, Colonel THOMPSON was shrewd enough to make some capital out of it among the West Virginia mountaineers. His address is therefore worthy of mention simply as an evidence of the gullibility of those people in financial theories. The question of finances is one they have never studied nor heard discussed before, and they are simply at sea in its contemplation. But they are all willing to become borrowers.

THERE'S something in MANTON MARBLE's recent exposition of TILDEN'S connection with the Electoral-Commission bill to relieve the Chairman from the charge of cowardice made against him at that time and now very generally believed. At no time, according to this statement, did he wait and surrender "even faintly," but at all times he consorted delay. His policy was to gain opportunity for intrigue, which he disguised under the name of argument, or for corruption, for which he has a synonym in the phrase "still hunt." The idea that he would rather lose the Presidency than "raffle" for it is simply preposterous. All he desired was to fix things, as has been his custom in stock-jobbing and railroad wrecking, so that he would know beforehand how the dice would turn up. On the whole Mr. MARBLE'S version of "TILDEN'S Plan" will not serve the purpose for which it was evidently prepared. It leaves him exactly where he stood before—in the attitude of a petting, intriguing coward, who naturally relied upon corrupt managers with which to get him and his party out of a scrape.

MR. HEWITT'S self-imposed task of settling the labor question promises to be something more than a trifling midsummer recreation. The workmen's delegations who appear before his pay-it-own-expenses committee are as far from being in their seasonal bath, the equal of which can be supplied in any house in Washington furnished with modern conveniences. But why should our stay-at-homes, who have the beautiful Potomac always at their command for an hour's breathing spell—for a round trip to Alexandria and return, if not for a regular excursion—envy the deluded wretches who forsake reasonable opportunities for pleasure to seek "style" and follow fashion in the summer resorts?

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There is more harmony in the Republican party to-day than has been since 1869. Through internal dissension the party was rapidly disintegrating, apparently oblivious of the fact that its political opponent was obtaining strength and power as it declined. But the policy of President HAYES, which for a time threatened to disrupt the party beyond chance of recuperation, did at last what perhaps was not intended—consolidated and strengthened it. There is no longer any HAYES nor anti-HAYES factions. All are Republicans, fighting only for the success of the party and its principles, and totally ignoring the question, Is the policy wise or otherwise?

As President of the United States, and with immense power and influence at his command, Mr. HAYES can, no doubt, settle many personal questions and grievances to his satisfaction; but he can no more stop the tide of truth and justice than he can check the mighty billows as they thunder on the sea-girt shore. Neither can he impede the wheels of government, may clog the legitimate business of their country, may keep thousands of good and honest workmen out of employ by having work suspended in order that they may investigate! Investigation which has only proved scandalous to the investigators. But the tide will turn, and the Democracy yet find that—

THE SOLID SOUTH. It is conceded on all hands that the South, politically, is solid, and no doubt to too great an extent this is true. Owing to several causes the contending forces in politics in the late insurgent States are dormant, and hence the want of active antagonism leaves the Bourbon element in a consciousness of power that for the present feels secure from molestation. Not but that there are diverse sentiments and motives of action that vitalized and brought into vigorous activity would show distinctly that the South is not really as solid as it appears and claims to be. The South appears to be solid for the Democratic party, for the reason that Republican and Republican sentiment have been pursued with a brutality of hate and persecution that have literally cooled them in inaction and silence; but there are nevertheless, Republicans who cannot be crushed out, and a Republican sentiment which will yet live to assert itself in the very dark and stronghold of Bourbonism to-day. They may not manifest themselves distinctively in the coming elections, and it may be wise and best that they should not. It is best at present that Republican men should preserve their lives for future usefulness, and as for Republican principles they can be crushed to any more than truth can be crushed to death. We can afford to trust time for their vindication, and wait for the passing by of the storm of barbarity, hate, and ostracism that now rages throughout nearly all the Southern States with great fury. This condition of things cannot last always. A kind Providence will yet interpose to teach the Southern people a lesson of justice which they must heed, and then, as during the war, under Divine direction, the persecuted Republicans will find a way out of the wilderness without a desecration or abandonment of principle.

The heaven of disintegration is already at work upon the solidity of Bourbonism in most of the States of the South, and there are points where it is rapidly weakening and falling apart. It is the duty of Republicans everywhere where they have not the strength and courage to assert their political power independently and to win victories under the Republican banner, to lend their influence in behalf of every movement calculated to break the crust and power of the Bourbon element. When these are broken, when the Democrats are disintegrated and the elements of the Democratic party riven asunder, then the door will be opened for a triumphant march of Republicans to power amid the ruins of the Bourbons. The Republicans can afford to wait and husband their strength and resources until 1880, when the battle blast will call the Republican army into the field under a leader and an organization which will move on to certain victory.

In the meantime, wherever it is not judicious and wise to suffer the party to rest on its arms and await a more favorable opportunity—wherever a point can be made and a local victory can be won in the name of Republicanism in the South, let it be done fearlessly and vigorously. But where greater advantages can be gained by uniting with the disaffected elements of the Democratic party in the way of independent action in behalf of the men who dare defy the Bourbon organization, give them aid and comfort, and in that way break up the attitude of a petting, intriguing coward, who naturally relied upon corrupt managers with which to get him and his party out of a scrape.

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can be elected in the Southern States by sure to secure that result. But if this is not feasible, then do the next best thing—help to elect an independent Democrat. This is doing service indirectly for the cause of right and justice.

FREEDOM OF SPEECH. The Democrats of the South bestem themselves for freedom of speech in that action when JEFF DAVIS uttered his treasonable speech recently, and it was criticized by an outraged sentiment of patriotism. That was freedom of speech for the rebel side, but thus far can it be tolerated, and no further. No Republican need to look for or hope for a free and uninterrupted utterance of Republican sentiment either in Mississippi or Alabama. Indeed, it is not safe for a Republican now to reside in Alabama and assert his Republican principles as a freeman. We are brought to this conclusion by the following bitter, vindictive, and threatening article which we clip from the Selma (Ala.) Daily Times, and which has reference to JEROME HARRISON, whose only offense is that he is a stalwart defender of the Republican faith. Read and ponder upon language such as this in a free country, where freedom of speech and political action is guaranteed to every citizen:

You have in times past slandered and vilified the white people of Dallas County, and have done your level best to have Federal troops sent here to terrorize and deprive them of rights guaranteed by the Constitution and the laws of the land. You have used your best endeavors to incite the negroes to riot and to bring about collisions with the white people; you have been indicted for crime, the penalty of which is confinement in the penitentiary, and escaped conviction through the favor and connivance of the prosecuting officer. In short, you have done countless acts of outrage against the white people of Dallas County, and yet have been allowed to enjoy, undisturbed, a residence in the county. Mistaken in the forbearance of the white people, no doubt ascribing it to cowardice, you have returned on the eve of an election once more to plague them with your infernal rambling and arouse them to the commission of violence. Well, JEROME, these white people are not so easily to be trifled with, and you are hereby, in a spirit of kindness, give you due notice that you have exhausted their patience, and unless you stop your evil-doing instantly you will feel their vengeance. Now, we know exactly what we are talking about, and have weighed well every word we here put in print. You are in danger, you devil, and before you know it, we will have you by the neck, and you shall not get away with a snake. You cannot longer go over Dallas County making incendiary speeches to the negroes, and using every means in your power to create riot and bloodshed. In doing such acts you become a public enemy, and you are liable to be shot down by any one. Now, while we will not advise any one to shoot you, we do advise you to stop your evil-doing in your present course, and if it is done, we shall shed no tears over your death. We understand that you were supplied by the Radical Executive Committee with funds to return to this district and whoop 'em up in the style we have alluded to. If this is so, you had better use your unexpired balance in getting away from this country and settling in some foreign land, where your species must be stopped somehow or another. Here is an American citizen, a defender of his adopted political faith, an advocate of the principles which sustained the Union against rebellion and the nation against overthrow, and a man whose right and privilege it is to announce his principles openly anywhere in the Union—North or South, East or West—who is warned out of the State of Alabama because his political sentiments and actions are not in accord with the Bourbons who have literally robbed the people of that State of their political rights. HARRISON is warned not to go through Dallas County making "incendiary" speeches to the negroes, "which means that he will not be allowed to advise colored citizens as to their vested rights and their duty in sustaining that party and those principles which gave them freedom on the penalty of death—for, disguise it as they may, this warning means that and nothing less. If JEROME HARRISON goes to Alabama under the auspices of the Republican executive committee, let those un-reconciled rebels who thus threaten, harm a hair of his head if they dare. That would be full justification for a retribution such as the colored people of Alabama could visit upon the Democratic element in a single night if they were not restrained by a respect for the laws of the country. The colored people of Alabama, to use the phrase of the Times, "are forbearing and are of a forgiving disposition," or they would long ago have asserted their physical supremacy over their persecutors and oppressors.

TRANSPORTATION OF TROOPS. The door opened by the payment of the claims of a Georgia railway last year through the efforts of Senator GORBOX, and of the Richmond and Danville railway for transportation of troops, bids fair to cost the Government many millions. The latter claim was several times rejected by the Executive Departments, and the present Secretary of the Treasury wrote a letter to the chairman of the House Committee on Appropriations denouncing the claim as utterly unjust and untenable, not only as lacking equity and merit, but because it would establish a precedent for claims for extra allowances by all railways that had carried troops for the Government during the late war. All these roads except the Baltimore and Ohio had been allowed a fixed rate of two cents per passenger per mile. The Baltimore and Ohio railway was settled with at full rates, because its mileage was so short, the main business having been done over the Washington branch between here and Baltimore, and it was considered that this additional compensation was to stand as partial indemnification for the immense damage which that line suffered from frequent raids and consequent loss of traffic. All other lines were paid the uniform rate of two cents per mile, and considered the business a good one. Secretary STANTON rigidly refused all claims for more. The Richmond and Danville Company were glad to get even this allowance in addition to the possession of their line. At one time it was feared their title was in jeopardy. There has always been considerable doubt in the minds of many good lawyers whether the franchise of that company were not confiscable as Confederate property. It was known that the authorities managed and controlled it. That portion of it between Danville and Greensboro, North Carolina, known as the Piedmont Railway was retained in possession of and operated by the Government fully one year after the surrender as Confederate property, and was finally released to the Danville Company by order of

the President, against the most earnest and solemn protests of the agents of the Treasury in charge of captured and abandoned property. In fact, this portion of the road was run by Government agents at the very time when these troops were transported, and the cost of carrying them was charged up by the Treasury to the quartermaster's department, and probably was allowed in the settlement of accounts between the two departments. It will be seen, therefore, that the Danville Company had no valid claim to this portion of the transportation in any event. Our only object in recalling the attention of the public to these facts now is to place it upon its guard as to all claims of this character. The next thing we shall know of will be that Congressman ATKINS, chairman of the Committee on Appropriations, who allowed this claim against the protest of Secretary SHERMAN, will be paying the claims of the Southern railroads for carrying Union prisoners to and from the famous prison-pen at Andersonville before the Secretary. It does really seem that there is no end to the check of Southern railroads in demanding pay, and little less in the liberality of the Democratic sham economists in satisfying those demands. At all events we shall expect to see during the next session claims amounting to \$400,000 or \$500,000 pressed upon Congress for the additional four and a half cents per capita that will be found to be due upon this new basis of settlement. And if there be justice and equity in this allowance to Southern roads, why is there not just as much reason for making the same payments to those Northern roads that received only two cents per capita? We call upon the people of the country—the great masses of consumers whose hard earnings pay these bills—we call upon them to send no more men to Congress who will vote such allowances to these oppressive railway monopolists.

PERSONAL. Mr. G. M. PULLMAN has arrived from Europe. A. O. ALDIS, Esq., is a guest at the Ebbitt House. D. W. JONES, of Boston, is registered at the Ebbitt House. The Carewitech will visit Paris early in September. Mr. E. POTTER, of England, is at the Ebbitt House. Mr. H. KATZ and wife, of Pittsburg, are at the Ebbitt House. The Governor-General of Canada draws \$50,000 a year. COUNT SCHOUVALOFF has arrived at Berlin from St. Petersburg. GENERAL ROBERTSON, U. S. A., is registered at the Ebbitt House. CHIEF JUSTICE WAITE is staying at his old home in Lynn, Conn. GOVERNOR HABTRANT is a little under the weather at Harrisburg. CARDINAL McCLOSKEY is about to make his annual visit to Newport. W. H. VANDERBILT and family have arrived at Alexandria, Va. N. Y. GENERAL McD. COOKE, U. S. A., is stopping at the Ebbitt House. HENRY WHITE and family, of Philadelphia, are stopping at the Ebbitt House. STRICKLAND KNABE, of Philadelphia, is registered at the Ebbitt House. A "Holy Ghost Flower" is in bloom at the Botanic Garden, Cambridge. A MISSISSIPPI man went all the way to Illinois to marry the widow of his son. Mrs. CASSETT has nearly completed her picture of the Electoral Commission. The Shah has engaged several superior Austrian officers for the Persian army. The Hon. Joseph Jorgensen is a guest of Deputy Collector Jordan, at Norfolk, Va. GENERAL J. E. B. STUART and Pickett have each a son in the Virginia Military Institute. HON. A. D. HAZEN, Third Assistant Postmaster-General, and his wife, are at Martha's Vineyard. The Austrian Crown Prince Rudolph has abandoned his intention of visiting the Paris Exposition. R. J. DOBINSKI, the Centennial builder, drives a four-hundred tons of blooded boys at the Ebbitt House. The Crown Princess of Denmark is the tallest princess in the world. She measures six feet two inches. It is a noticeable fact that fully two-thirds of the visitors to the summit of Mount Washington are ladies. DR. METCALF, a very prominent physician of New York, and his wife, are sojourning at the Ebbitt House. HON. SAMUEL J. RANDALL, Speaker of the House of Representatives, is at the Parker House, Boston, Mass. MRS. GERTNER will sing in Ireland with Mr. Mapleson's travelling troupe prior to her departure for New York. THE will of the late Michael Reese, of San Francisco, bequeaths \$400,000 to charitable and educational purposes. SECRETARY EVARTS has left to join his family near Windsor, Vt., and will remain absent until the close of the month. The King and Queen of Italy have laid aside their mourning for Victor Emmanuel, which they have worn for six months. The South family has again been heard from. Tracy Smith, of Kenosha, Wis., has read her little through forty-one times. MARK TWAIN appears as a creditor for \$6,024 against the estate of his bankrupt publisher, Note, Woolman & Co., New York. The New York World advertises Citizen Danvers (New York) as a candidate for Governor, and the same gentleman who read the Declaration of Independence at the opening of the Centennial Exhibition in Philadelphia, Pa.—John J. Morgan. Since the holding of the gag-greenback convention in Hartford there have been several marked political changes in that city. Upon investigation the Republicans find the whole scheme a mere ruse. And as they refuse to be used as a cat's paw by the hunker Democracy, they have returned to their first and true love, and will content to remain where they belong, within the ranks of the Republican party.—Knox's Journal. HON. CHARLES FOSTER is just now running the Congressional record Republican committee in the absence of Secretary Gorham. Mr. Foster's object has been to get endorsed from his grip, with the exception of a single county, by the Democratic Legislature of Ohio, and to that county have been added enough Democratic members to make the district majority about 3,500. Democratic still Mr. Foster has hopes that by the aid of a

distinguishers ordered by Congress are nearly ready to be placed in the Capitol. SENATOR M. C. BUTLER will not be able to attend the Franco-American commercial congress at Paris, owing to duties on the Army Reorganization Committee. THE Shoe and Leather Fraternity of Providence have invited Governor Rice to be present at their celebration at the City Hall, August 15, and he will probably accept. UNITED STATES TREASURER GILFILLAN and family have gone to Ocean City. Assistant Treasurer Wyman will act as Treasurer during Mr. Gilfillan's absence. MRS. MARY BARTHOLOMEW died in Knowlton township, N. J., on July 31, at the age of 105. She retained her mental faculties perfectly until a short time before her death. J. H. BALDWIN, of this city, delegate of the International Typographical Association to Paris, is expected to return on the steamer Greece, due in New York on the 11th inst. MISS MYRA CLARK GAINES is visiting the family of Dr. George B. Wallis, at Orange, N. J. Miss GAINES, notwithstanding her many years of litigation, is as full of life as ever. QUEEN CHRISTINA has arrived at Havre in hopes of benefitting by the sea air, though her physicians wished her to remain in Paris. She passed a bad night in consequence of the journey. SOMETHING may yet be named after President Hayes. New Rochelle has an island—David's Island—which it promises to rechristen "Hayes," if the Executive will go there on the 20th instant. NILLONS, they say, will shortly be installed as Grand Mistress of the Ancient Charitable Masonic Order of "The Eastern Star," composed chiefly of ladies of high position, whose male relatives belong to the fraternity, and who devote themselves to works of mercy and charity. AMONG the arrivals at the Spring House, Richfield Springs, are the following: Rear-Admiral J. C. HOWELL, U. S. N.; Vice-Admiral Rowan, U. S. N.; Count Letta, Italian Charge d'Affaires, Baltimore; Effendi, Secretary to the Turkish Legation; Count von Salkowski, daughter, and Senator Francis Kernan, of New York. PROFESSOR JOHN M. LANGSTON, our Minister to the Republic of Haiti, will leave Port-au-Prince for New York on the 10th inst. He is expected to breakfast at his home in this city on the 27th. He reports himself as being in the best of health and spirits and well pleased with his trip. He will be accompanied by his wife and two children on his return there in November next.

POLITICAL NOTES. THE South Carolina Democrats have renominated all their Congressional candidates of 1878. OHIO Republicans are encouraged with favorable prospects with which the campaign opens. EX-SEREBTARY of the Treasury Boutwell is believed to have his eyes glued to Butler's Congressional shoes. WISCONSIN Republican journals state that Matt Carpenter's chances for the United States Senate are on the decline. MONTGOMERY BLAIR is looking for the Republican nomination for Governor in the Sixth district of Maryland. PRESIDENT PIERCE is the only Executive of the Republic who kept his Cabinet intact during his entire administration. "COOKING" at Washington is the ticket that will sweep the field for 1880. Hark! for Conkling and Washburne.—Linn Springs, Iowa, Tribune. MR. ABRAHAM HEWITT doesn't manage a funeral to the satisfaction of the corpse. He should be retired from the post of undertaker to the Democracy. THE Democrats of Schuylkill County, so far as heard from, seem to be very much pleased with the nomination of Mr. John W. Lyon for Congress. REPUBLICANS of the fifth Indiana district are free to say that Hon. Thomas M. Browne is their choice for successor to Voorhees in the United States Senate. AN Indian, smug and sleek, who likes to hear himself talk, but doesn't mean any of it, is Senator Claiborne's estimate of the President. JUDITH O. M. ROBERTS, who has been nominated by the Democrats for Governor of Texas, was president of the convention that passed the ordinance of secession. SOUTHERN ILLINOIS is already in the midst of an active campaign. Oglesby, Logan, and various State candidates are addressing a large public mass-meeting at Vandalia on Saturday. GENERAL WAGER SWANKE, a son of Associate Justice SWANKE, of the United States Supreme Court, is a candidate for Congress in the Republican nomination for Congress in the Toledo district of Ohio. THE second Maine district and the Androscoggin County Democratic conventions are to be held in Auburn on the 10th inst. Belcher, of Farmington, will undoubtedly be nominated for Congress. THE Boston Post says: "I wish I owned a yacht and my name was Henry B. Thoreau. I'd sail the waters of the coast, and I'd make Mrs. Jenks, as a cook she's the hanner, for she cooked the returns way down in Louisiana." VICKSBURG (Miss.) Herald: "The Southern Democratic conventions are hankering after the greenback doctrine in a manner that indicates they will not be tied to Tilden's coat-tail in the next National Democratic Convention." BOSTON Journal: "If General Butler will act as the horse of the party which he will leave any city wharf for the purpose of giving the poor and needy free excursions and free lunches, the same will be announced in these columns."

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