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SUBSCRIPTIONS for the *Herald* Irish Fund will be received and duly accounted for at the counting-room of THE NATIONAL REPUBLICAN.

THE Connecticut tramp-law is working well. Let Congress furnish one for the District of Columbia.

HENRY WARD BEECHER has declared for a third, a fourth or a fifth term, if the welfare of the Nation demands it. That sounds like genuine grit.

THE Louisville *Courier-Journal* intimates that because General GRANT visited Kentucky and escaped with his life it does not argue safety for him to visit Leadville and Denver.

THE extra session did it. The sum of $50,000 is the deficiency in the printing bills done in those two months. That was an expensive session, both to the country and the Democratic party.

THE time has apparently come when the Fire Commissioners will find it convenient to recognize Mr. WILLIAM B. REED as one of their mess. The whirligig of time, you know, often evens up intricate matters.

THERE is hope for SPEER, of Georgia. He is not so dyed in the wool but that he can see the error of his ways occasionally, and has sense enough to acknowledge and act accordingly. But MCMAHON is uncompromising.

THE Louisville *Courier-Journal* characterizes the attempt to use the name of HORATIO SEYMOUR as a possible Presidential candidate as "a very poor and also a very "unworthy piece of political chicanery." How is this for a boom?

REPRESENTATIVE REED, of Maine, struck the key-note in the House of Representatives on Thursday last, when he said in a controversy with GOODE, of Virginia, "The "great benefit yet to accrue to the country "would be the extirpation of the Democratic "party, which is to occur the next time the "people of the United States have an op-"portunity to pass upon it."

A TECHNICAL objection in the appropriation made by the last Congress for the support of the Reform School of this District prevents the accounting officers of the Treasury from paying out the necessary moneys. Senator HARRIS, from the District Committee, reported back formally on Thursday the House joint resolution making the proper appropriation, but it was objected to and went over under the rules. We trust there will be no unnecessary delay in its passage, as the institution is now absolutely destitute of means for its maintenance and support.

A CAREFUL investigation into market quotations shows that we were betrayed into an error yesterday in stating that "there is no sudden rise in stock, chemicals "or labor that demands or justifies the "existing advance in prices." This statement needs some correction. There has been an advance in rags, straw and chemicals, but no material advance in labor. These advances have been nearly one hundred per cent., the manufacturers contend, while the advance in paper has been fifty per cent. where it has a prospect of settling down. We cheerfully make this correction, as we have no purpose to misrepresent this case, while the consumers of paper feel the hardship of the advance in prices.

WE congratulate our good Christian friend BUTTON, of the Lynchburg *Virginian*, on his stalwart courage in resisting the temptation to accept a challenge to shoot a cotemporary in a duel, and then continuing to reside in Virginia, whose soil has been so often wet with the blood of the *code duello*. His example exalts him in the eyes of Christian civilization, for he refused to make a voluntary target of himself to be shot at by an angry adversary, on the ground that he was a Christian man and not a murderous barbarian, and at the same time giving notice that he can be found at his place of business during business hours, and was prepared to defend himself in case of assault. Thereupon it appears that his bloodthirsty adversary took early and cheap transportation back to Richmond, a wiser if not a better man. It required more real courage for Mr. BUTTON to refuse to fight a duel in Virginia than to accept the challenge to mortal combat, unless public sentiment is greatly changed in that State. It is to be hoped that Virginians, too, are beginning to view the *code duello* as a relic of barbarism.

CONGRESSMAN ACKLEN, of Louisiana, has had a troublous and somewhat dirty time in Congress. He dropped into a line of questionable conduct soon after he made his advent at the National Capital, with about the same facility that a duck drops into water, and has been paddling around in a pool of scandal here and at home ever since. He is now confronted with charges and consequences that evidence the fact that there is an iniquitous point beyond which even a Democratic House cannot exercise toleration. It now appears that Mr. ACKLEN has been applying some of his questionable methods to the business of the House. It is alleged that he has been guilty of an attempt to falsify the records of the House to secure the passage of a pet measure. To accomplish this end it is alleged that he approached one of the clerks with a proposition that he should change the records so that his little bill should come up out of its order and at once for action. He failed to seduce the clerk from his line of duty, but did enough to warrant proceedings for his expulsion. He now hangs on to his seat by his eyebrows.

ORTHOGRAPHY IN OFFICE.

An incident occurred a few years ago connected with an appointment to office which is called to mind by the recent raid of General GORDON on the Rev. Mr. SIMMONS, who has been nominated for Superintendent of Census in his State. He objects to SIMMONS because of his faulty spelling of words. The case we have in mind is one where a candidate was pressed for appointment against the earnest protest of a large number of antagonists, who had resorted to a multitude of expedients to bring defeat, and yet the appointment seemed inevitable. One of the opposition, however, after much cogitation, hit upon an expedient which he thought must prove successful, and that was to attack the candidate's orthography. As a last resort, after communicating his plan to his coadjutors, he was delegated to carry it into execution. He called upon the appointing power and opened the subject of this appointment, by entering his protest most solemnly against it. This did not seem to effect anything—the appointment had been decided upon and would be made. Then the protestant rallied for his *coup de main*, and addressed the appointing power in this wise: "Well, sir, appoint him if you "want to! Appoint him if you dare! But "I tell you, sir, that he can't spell! No, "sir, he can't spell! I tell you he can't "spell, sir; and that ought to settle it, "sir."

GORDON's objection to SIMMONS seems to have this extent—no more, perhaps—"he "can't spell." Unfortunately, SIMMONS had been detected in a little too much economy in the use of the alphabet in addressing the President of the United States as His "Ex-"celency"—thus cheating the word out of an "*l*" that the most popular lexicographers award to it. In GORDON's opinion this offense smelt rank to heaven, and, in his sage judgment, no man who would cheat the word Excellency out of a single letter could be trusted to enumerate any portion of the population of the State of Georgia. His task would be bunglingly performed, and the result would be faulty. For this reason SIMMONS should be rejected and the cause of orthography be protected from official assault. It is bad enough to mar its symmetry in private life, but in office it ought not to be tolerated for one moment. No, never!—or "scarcely ever."

Out of this SIMMONS matter a controversy sprung up in the committee-room between General GORDON and the Hon. ALEXANDER H. STEPHENS, which was followed by hard and unkind words, and finally became a matter of correspondence between them. This correspondence appeared in THE NATIONAL REPUBLICAN yesterday morning, and is reproduced again this morning, for the simple reason that our proof-reader took the liberty of correcting General GORDON's orthography, which should have been published precisely as written in his letter to Mr. STEPHENS. The proof-reader is a great stickler for the proprieties of orthography, and when he found Senator GORDON violating the authority of WEBSTER by spelling the words controversy—"controversey"—and Marshal—"Marshall"—thus crowding into controversy a superfluous "*e*," and adding to Marshal the "*l*" that SIMMONS had dropped from "His Excellency"—he took the liberty of putting the Senator right before the public eye, thus subjecting this office to the necessity of reproducing the correspondence faithfully, because he had departed from the rule of following copy literally.

In this, it looks as if General GORDON had forgotten to consult the injunction, "Let "him who is without fault cast the first "stone." He discovered the mote in his brother's eye, forgetting the beam that rested in his own, and in his avidity to show to the Senate and the world that SIMMONS "can't spell," he has fallen into the pit that he had dug for the unfortunate Parson. Now, what shall be done? Both the Senator and the Parson have assaulted lexicography in a gross and unpardonable manner, and if SIMMONS is to be continued in private life on that account let Senator GORDON be relegated there likewise, and then let these two be colluded with the "biger man than Old "GRANT," and then let this orthographical trinity be engaged to go through the country holding spelling-schools for the delectation and improvement of the American youth. All three can be spared for such a purpose, and the cause of education may gain something by contrast, for the same reason that inebriates are sometimes introduced into the work of temperance reform, by way of example, to enforce argument.

WHY WAS IT DONE?

We took occasion the other day to make the inquiry why the Virginia Republican State Convention had been called at Staunton, a point several hundred miles away from the geographical centre of the State, and supplemented it with the remark, in substance, that this distance of travel virtually excluded those from the delegation who were not opulent. To this our good friend SPITZER, the secretary of the Republican Executive Committee of Virginia, takes some exception, and attempts to reason away the geographical fact presented by showing that "Staunton on the "first vote had 14 votes; Lynchburg, 3; "Alexandria, 3, and Farmville, 1—Staunton "receiving two-thirds of the vote of a com-"mittee, a majority of which was composed "of non-office-holders." Accepting this as a truthful statement, it does not in any degree meet and answer our inquiry why the State Convention was called hundreds of miles away from the geographical centre of the State, thus subjecting those living east of the centre to increased travel and expense to attend as delegates. No answer is made by our monitorial friend that solves the problem which weighs upon the public mind, what considerations of comfort, economy or necessity threw the State Convention over the mountains, and almost into West Virginia, when the State has a geographical centre and a capital which are more convenient and less expensive to a majority of the Republicans of the State. If that information had been furnished us it would be more highly appreciated than that which tells us who did it, instead of why it was done. It is gratifying, nevertheless, to be again informed that "the Republicans of Virginia are closing up "on the Chicago nominee," from which we infer that said nominee must be somewhere in the western extreme of the Old Dominion. Why not tell us in the fewest and simplest terms possible why the Republican Convention was taken to Staunton?

ABOUT a year ago the New York *Herald*, through its correspondents in different parts of the country, took occasion to ascertain the strength of the growing sentiment in favor of General ULYSSES S. GRANT for the Presidency. The result was that in a few months it reported an "overwhelming preponderance" of public opinion in his favor. Raising the cry of Cæsarism, it got its sitting-down place into position upon the boom. It was overgrown, weighty, persistent, and in the course of time flattered itself and announced to the great American Nation that it had crushed all life out of the GRANT boom. There were those to the NORD-NORD of the *Herald* building who considered the question somewhat immodest; who did not sit up nights in mourning; who did not observe the gratitude of the Nation saved. It now appears that the New York *Herald* was in error as to the effect of its ponderosity upon the boom, and that the boom is the liveliest boom for a crushed boom that ever boomed. The independent, non-political *Herald* has therefore assumed the leadership of the opposition to the Republican party in its purpose to duplicate a first term for the man of the people. We submit that its conduct as an independent, non-political journal is most remarkable. We commend it for its efforts in behalf of the suffering people of Ireland, and suggest that there is greater honor to be obtained in the conduct of its Irish relief fund than in its effort to conduct the affairs of the Republican party. We assure it that the Republican party will nominate and elect GRANT, or some other good man; in fact, that the country is safe. In the meantime, will it please publish that letter?

THE Chicago *Times* is very Democratic in its views and opinions, but somehow it does not cotton to the VOORHEES investigation with much sympathetic warmth. It goes off on that matter in this wise:

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PERSONAL.

HON. W. W. SWAN, of Boston, is a guest at Wormley's.

J. P. BROOKE, of Philadelphia, arrived at Wormley's yesterday.

C. A. BARATTONI, of Rome, Italy, is sojourning at the Ebbitt House.

MAJOR CHARLES R. SUTER, U. S. A., is quartered at the Ebbitt House.

G. S. LOCKWOOD and A. M. ROUK, of New York, are at the Metropolitan.

A. C. WOODWORTH, of Chicopee, Mass., is registered at the Riggs House.

CHARLES H. BRADLEY and wife, of Pittsburg, Pa., are guests at the St. James.

C. C. BRINKLEY, of Sherman, Texas, registered at the Metropolitan yesterday.

LIEUTENANT-COMMANDER N. LUDLOW, U. S. N., is anchored at the Ebbitt House.

REV. W. W. ATTERBURY, of New York, is among the guests at the Ebbitt House.

MRS. J. L. CARRINGTON and daughter, of Richmond, Va., have parlors at the Riggs House.

JAMES M. SMITH and H. H. Bunnell, of New Haven, Conn., registered at the St. James yesterday.

GENERAL JAMES GRANT WILSON, of New York, the lecturer, and wife, arrived at the Riggs House yesterday.

W. B. ROSE, of Mexico; William W. Ker and wife, of Philadelphia, and Cyrus Clarke, of Buffalo, are booked at Willard's.

MR. AND MRS. C. A. WHITTIER, of Boston, and R. W. Townsend and wife, of New York, are stopping at the Riggs House.

FATHER WOOD, the ex-Catholic priest, returned to this city yesterday and is stopping at 519 Thirteenth street northwest. He will lecture in this city and Baltimore next week, addressing the ministers of the latter city on Monday.

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(From the Boston Courier, January 18, 1880.)

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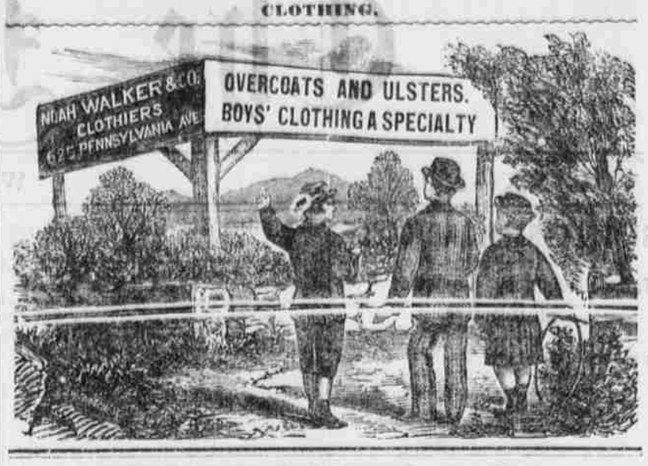

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