Anglican churches, including whole dioceses, representatives of a temperance movement more general in that great and influential body than has ever taken place in any one branch of the American churches, that all their evangelizing work in our cities and rural districts will be in vain while the liquor traffic and its fruits of indulgence remain as now, and when Mr. Gladstone puts on record his opinion of the drinking habits of Great Britain as its chief national peril, it is not rashness to prophecy that the temperance question is indeed coming to the front in the civilized world as a great political, as well as economic and moral issue, may the God of nations, our fathers' God, help us to meet it.

Hon. Mr. Price, of Wisconsin, was next introduced. He said that twenty-five years ago it would have been impossible for him to come to congress as a representative of the "Badger State" holding the strong views that he does on the temperance question. At that time nearly every member of the state judiciary and legislature were drinking men. At that time, also, political conventions in Wisconsin were simply drunken orgies. To-day these officers are temperance men, and no liquor can be found at either democratic or republican conventions. The evil influences and destructive forces of intemperance must be met and counteracted.

"I am disposed," said the speaker, "to do as they did at the Donnybrook fair, 'wherever you see a head hit it.'" You cannot reach the whisky men by moral suasion. They will not come where churches are. They even hate the men that build churches. The strong arm of the law alone can reach them. This is the greatest subject that can possibly occupy the attention of American statesmen. We have the right to say to the liquor dealer, your practices are bad and you must desist. We dare not resist the appeals of starving children, drunkards and moderate drinkers. The word "prohibition" should be inscribed on the stars and stripes, and they should be raised and never lowered until success crowns our efforts.

Hon. Joseph D. Taylor addressed the meeting next. He said the churches have never been so terribly in earnest in the matter of temperance as they are now. In Washington they are especially so. They are wide awake and alive to the situation. The churches in Ohio were moved last year as they were never moved before. When the time arrives that all the churches in this country are moved as the churches at the national capital are, no evil can withstand them, and the accursed traffic will be swept into the ocean. When the temperance question was submitted to the voters of Ohio, no less than 320,000 men—not women and children—voted for nothing less than prohibition. The fight should be kept up in this city until there shall not be a vestige of this traffic under the shadow of the dome. It is a burning shame and a stigma on the capital city of this great country that there should be 1,000 barrooms here. Keep up the fight, and it will not be long before this traffic will go down or the nation will go down. Every year the people of this country are paying money enough for the support of the victims of this unholy traffic to keep up a standing army that would reach from ocean to ocean. This nation cannot permit a class of men to stay in it who overturn the happiness of one-fourth of its people. "I hope to see the time," concluded the speaker, "when the whisky barrels will be pitched into the sea and mountains piled on them to keep them out of sight."

Rev. Dr. Bartlett being called upon came forward and expressed full sympathy with the temperance movement and his willingness to co-operate in it.

Just before the close of the meeting a venerable and white haired old gentleman, named George W. Clark, arose and sang in a tremulous voice, full of earnestness, a temperance rallying song of the olden time.

Dr. Chickering announced that the society would hold another meeting at the Garfield Memorial church next Sunday evening.

MR. CONKLING DENIES.

He Says the Rev. Snyder Had No Permission to Publish Their Conversation, Nor Was It Correctly Reported.

ST. LOUIS, Feb. 24.—Rev. Dr. Snyder, whose interview with Senator Conkling was attacked for making public a private coversation, this morning published in the *Globe-Democrat* a card defending his action, in which he said:

If any of my friends shall imagine for one moment that I have outgrown my horror of that miserable system of personal espionage, that reckless habit of personal misrepresentation, which marks the trade of the modern interviewer, I shall be very sorry that I intrusted to your columns my impressions of a conversation, the spirit of which I strove faithfully to reproduce. I am quite sure that Mr. Conkling would not take exception to a single statement I make or to my publication of the impressions which those statements made upon one who had none of the customary reportorial motives for misrepresenting his views.

Yesterday the *Evening Chronicle* sent a dispatch to Mr. Conkling, asking whether he had given the reverend interviewer permission to publish the interview, and received the following answer:

NEW YORK, Feb. 23.—*To Evening Chronicle:* Answering your telegram, I never did give any such permission, nor is the private conversation referred to truly reported. ROSCOE CONKLING.

Death of a Professor at Annapolis.

Special Dispatch.

ANNAPOLIS, Feb. 24.—Mr. Pedro Montaldo, professor of Spanish language, at the naval academy, was found dead yesterday morning at the academy. Prof. Montaldo was a man of considerable ability, and was a lawyer of some note in Spain, which country he represented as a minister to Germany. He was wounded in the union army, having served with distinction in an Ohio regiment, of which President Hayes was the colonel. He was appointed professor of Spanish language at the naval academy in 1866. Death is supposed to have occurred from apoplexy. Deceased was about 58 years old and unmarried. He has relatives living in Iowa.

Edward Eberling, son of a naval academy musician, fell from the stairway of St. Mary's hall last night and received injuries believed to be fatal.

Yale's Eight-Oared Crew.

NEW HAVEN, CONN., Feb. 24.—Lewis K. Hull, last year's captain of the Yale boat crew, is coaching the men on an eight-oared barge. Appleton will be the permanent stroke oar. The crew's stroke this year is slower than last year, and all the power seems to be put in the beginning, causing the boat to jerk forward, which serious defect will be remedied under Bob Cook's supervision. The men are trying for positions and are in active training. They average less in weight than last year, and on the whole are regarded as good material.

Death of a Sister of Charity.

ALTOONA, PA., Feb. 24.—Sister Antoinette, a member of the order of Sisters of Charity, who have their mother home here, with branch communities throughout the western part of the state, died in the convent here on Saturday evening, aged 23 years and 10 months. In the world she was known as Miss Maggie Glynn. She joined the order in 1878, and had labored principally in Pittsburg.

An Extensive Thief.

Saturday night, on information received from a colored man, Lieut. Guy, with his officers, arrested a young colored man named Wm. Townsend, and locked him up at the sixth precinct station. There are some eight cases of petit larceny against him. His method of robbing was to hire himself out as a servant or waiter, and seizing his chance, run away with some articles of clothing or jewelry. Another way was to get shelter among his color, and before breakfast steal something from his benefactors. The police consider the arrest as an important one.

Hurt While Driving a Dog Cart.

A lady driving a pony attached to a dog cart was severely injured yesterday afternoon by being thrown from the cart on the Fourteenth street road near the boundary. She was taken to a house near the car stables, and shortly after removed to her home at Mount Pleasant.

Fishing Down the River.

Reports from down the river state that many of the small seines have commenced operations. Several small shipments of Potomac shad and herring are expected this week. The shad will bring fancy prices, and will sell readily.

DOWN ON NOVELS.

Dr. S. K. Cox Thinks Light Literature Has a Pernicious Effect on the Mind.

He Unsparingly and Justly Condemns the Flash Fiction of the Day.

Rev. Dr. Cox, of the Mount Vernon Place M. E. church, preached last night on the text, I Tim., iv, 13, 5—"Give attendance to reading."

The introduction was upon the history of printing and printing presses, the toil, time, and energy expended, and the costly sums paid by noted personages for volumes which in their days were considered priceless treasures. The wonders of the printing press of the present day were commented on, apart from the publication of the various daily newspapers, weekly periodicals, story papers, magazines, and reviews. Not less than seventy new books are daily issued from the American press, an aggregate of 25,550 a year. These books must be read, or they would not be published. What is their character? Good reading, like good food, supplies the mental faculties with healthful stimulus. If it be unwholesome it cannot fail to disorder the system. The Americans are confessedly a nation of readers. But what do we read? Everybody reads the papers. These have become so cheap as to come into the homes of both rich and poor. They contain the current history and literature of the day. The newspaper has its indispensable place in our general literature. Its universal circulation gives it a wide-spread power for good or evil. That its influence is sometimes on the side of evil cannot be denied. The too prevalent practice, not simply of reporting criminal occurrences as matters of fact, but minutely dwelling upon them in all their disgusting details, tends to that familiarity with vice which robs it of its enormity and encourages its repetition. Often, too, the perpetrators of crime are invested with a mock heroism that throws a glare over their evil deeds which, if it does not excuse them, at least tends to conceal their atrocity. Prominence is given to every utterance and every act of a notorious criminal during his incarceration or upon the scaffold which magnifies him into undue importance and induces the belief in some minds that the greater the crime the greater the glory. So far as the newspaper does this it takes on the character of the sensational novel, and in one direction at least is productive of the same pernicious effects. A very large proportion of the books published are works of fiction. The public libraries show that from 68 to 75 per cent. of the books taken out to be read are novels. Light reading supplants the heavier literature. Statistics show that three-fourths of the novel reading is given to the lowest attainable class of literature.

Not only is the novel uninstructive, but vicious and harmful. The imagination is fed with illusive visions until the actual becomes insipid and distasteful. The passions are excited by appeals until they defy restraint. Many of the women of America find their mental diet and exhilarations in the novelettes of certain weeklies or monthlies and the long line of fictions written by experts of the Mrs. Southworth school, wherein the suppositious characters and scenes result in terrible revolts against social safety. Marriage is virtually ignored and treated as conventional and tyrannical restraints to be set aside at convenience or choice. He would not say how far this agency played its part, but it was sufficient that it had done enough to bring about a sad condition of affairs. The most serious attack of this prurient and pernicious literature is upon the youth of the country. Its avenue of thought is through the flash newspaper and the dime novel. Their general uniform is illustrated by sensational headlines and tawdry wood cuts. Twenty-five of these papers are published in New York, and it is estimated that they have 3,000,000 readers a week. The *Police Gazette*, *The Boys' Own*, "Buffalo Bill," and kindred publications of a degraded press, with their viciously sensational titles, their ideal and impossible characters, the spice of hair-breadth adventure, their blood curdling narrative, and utter disregard of long settled social laws, their low speech and licentious amours, are doing an amount of damage to the youth of the country that cannot be estimated. Another class of literature is published in which the foulest sensualism is portrayed. Catalogues of schools and colleges are gotten hold of and the students are sent circulars and catalogues of such works in order that the curiosity of the student may be aroused to the unscrupulous trafficker. The dime novel was a pernicious element. The court records in the case of the boy murderer, Pomeroy, had shown it. It was so, after the publication of "Jack Sheppard," in London, that highway robbery and burglary occurred to such an extent that the book was suppressed. Another class of novels, esteemed of a higher order, are published, in which skepticism and licentiousness lurk in covert forms. He had known young girls read novels by the cord without knowing what they read. They gulped them down as children would sweet meats, at a single sitting, and repeating the feat six times a week. In thirty years he had never seen in one in a dozen of these devourers of fiction a thought or turn of expression gained from the best of the stories that they had read. The sermon ended with copious extracts from prominent writers showing the value of a good choice in reading, and exhortation to parents to guide their young to a proper step in this momentous matter.

Crystal Circle Temperance Meeting.

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 o'clock, President Swan in the chair. After the opening prayer and music by the choir, Mrs. Belva A. Lockwood was introduced, and in an eloquent manner laid the questions of rum drinking and temperance before an attentive audience, which resulted in bringing to the front forty signers to the pledge. The secretary, Brother Ed Eckloff, read the pledge, and the rush to the secretary's desk told plainly that the meeting had been a profitable one. Mrs. Lockwood was followed by Mr. Buchanan with his usual forcible arguments for total abstinence. Miss Lillie Donn recited in a pleasing manner the "Match Peddler Boy." Mr. Cox, of Georgetown, then gave a talk on temperance. Mr. B. L. Bonsall, of New Jersey, in a brief manner gave the audience an interesting address. Charley Nye Dashaway club holds its open meeting in this hall Monday evening. The music by the choir, under the direction of Prof. Reed, has become one of the attractions of East Washington.

Chinamen Studying for the Stage.

A Chinaman keeping a laundry on Tenth street, near F street northwest, stood in the center of a crowd of admiring celestials last night, and thumbed a banjo. A reporter stepped in, and after John had played "Home, Sweet Home" and "We Never Speak When We Pass By," in a fair manner asked him how he had learned to perform on the American instrument. The celestial replied that himself and "Josie Pin," another Chinaman, were being instructed in the art by a musician living in East Washington, and that they intended to go on the stage when they could play well enough.

Social Mention.

A number of invited guests will be present at the Garfield memorial hospital next Thursday from 3 to 6 o'clock. Justice Miller will preside over the business meeting, after which a cup of tea will be served in the new wing of the hospital, the lady managers presiding.

Mr. Simon Wolf will read an essay next Wednesday evening at Mrs. Lincoln's, 1810 K street. Subject: "Egypt."

Mrs. Lincoln will receive as usual on Tuesday.

The Tabernacle Home circle meets at 1810 K street on Thursday evening, Feb. 28.

Preparatory School at West Point.

Representative Belford has prepared a bill, which he will introduce in the house to-day, which provides for the establishment at West Point of a preparatory school for candidates for admission to the military academy. It provides that persons admitted to the proposed school shall be known as provisional cadets, and that they shall be given such instructions and military training in the preparatory school as will qualify them to fill vacancies occurring in the corps of cadets.

THE LAST HOP,

And How the Guests of the Hamilton Made It a Brilliant Success.

At the Hamilton house on Saturday evening was given the last of a most pleasant series of dancing receptions which have occurred at stated intervals during the season. A feature of these receptions has been that they have all been directly under the supervision of the lady guests of the hotel, and as a consequence have been marked successes, socially. The throng of guests assembled on Saturday evening was evidence of the appreciation that has been extended to these entertainments, and there were many expressions of regret that the near approach of the Lenten season made it the last of the season.

The invited guests were received by a committee of which Hon. Walter Evans was chairman, and warmly welcomed to the hospitality of the Hamilton. The programme of dances embraced twelve numbers, concluding with an old fashioned Virginia reel and the good night of "Home, Sweet Home."

The floor managers, Messrs. I. E. Vait, W. T. J. Wright, and W. T. Rady deserved special commendation for the able manner in which they discharged their duties. During the intermission in the dancing refreshments were served in the annex to the dining room.

Among those present were Hon. John D. Long, of Massachusetts; Mrs. Glover, Hon. F. A. Johnson, New York; Mrs. and Miss Johnson, Maj. M. Barber, U. S. A., Mrs. and Miss Barber, ex-Senator Rollins, New Hampshire; Mrs. Rollins, Miss West, Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Rollins, Denver, Col.; Mr. George Dunn, Hon. C. A. Boutelle, Maine; Mrs. Boutelle, Hon. T. B. Reed, Maine; Mrs. Reed, Mr. W. S. Parks, Miss McCawley, Miss Hester and Miss Williams, Georgetown; Miss Russell, J. H. Olcott, Mr. Hendley, Mr. Sweet, of Illinois; Mrs. Lieutenant Commander Davis, Mrs. Lieutenant Garst, Mr. Mitchell, Mr. Henry, Captain and Mrs. Quackenbush, Miss Quackenbush, Hon. W. S. Holman, Indiana; Mrs. and Miss Holman, Hon. S. L. Milliken, Maine; Hon. J. T. Wait, Connecticut; Mr. I. E. Vail, Mr. W. T. Rudy, Hon. H. A. P. Carter, Miss Carter, Miss Judd, Mr. Dingley, Senator and Mrs. Pike, New Hampshire; Miss Pike, Hon. S. H. Miller and Mrs. Miller, Mr. A. C. Fowler, Mr. Baxter, Mr. and Mrs. Clark, Hon. J. G. Cannon, Mrs. and Miss Cannon, Hon. J. R. Thomas, Miss Thomas, Mr. Ross Thompson, Mr. W. H. B. Kittson, Mr. Frank Hester, Miss Nellie Williams, Miss Lydia Hester, Miss Birdie Harvey, Miss Trimble, Mr. J. H. Lindey, Commodore Wilson and Mrs. Wilson, M. S. Burleigh, Mrs. and Miss Burleigh, Mr. L. Dunn, Mr. Thomas Goad, Col. Batchelder, Miss Waters, Phineas Adams and Mrs. Adams, of New Hampshire; Miss Fairly, Miss Bisbee, Mrs. W. Hamilton Merritt, of Toronto, Canada; the Misses Merritt, Miss Fitzgerald, Mr. Nutt, Mr. Cox, Mr. A. M. Lathrop, Mr. George H. Levis, Mr. W. T. J. Wright, Mrs. E. C. Humphrey, of New York; Mrs. Peters, Mrs. Roberts, Mrs. Smith, Miss Newton, Mrs. Tyson, Miss Tyson, Miss Jessie Tyson, of Baltimore; Col. and Mrs. Ball, of Block Island, Mr. George Lyon and wife, of Boston; Mr. B. Gummy, of Germantown; Miss Russell, Miss Justis, Miss Sparkling, Miss Wheelock, Hon. Walter Evans, Mrs. Evans, Miss Fannie Evans, Mr. and Mrs. W. Stone Abert, and Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Bivins.

E Street Baptist Church.

A commemorative Sunday school concert was held last evening at the E street Baptist church. Mr. Charles N. Richards, the superintendent of the school, presided. The order of exercises were as follows: Chorus, "While the Days are Going By," school; prayer by the pastor, Rev. D. W. Faunce; recitation of Bible verses, infant class; solo, Lillie Eisenbeiss; trio recitation, Misses Clapp; recitation, Arthur Clements; (music response, Miss May Mason); solo, "What Must it be to be There," Chas. Dean; recitation, "Are the Children Home To-night?" Miss Mary Fenwick; chorus, "Waiting and Watching for Me," school; recitation, "We are Seven," Elsie Grinnell; solo and response, "Something Sweet to Think Of," Charles Drexel; reading, "Our Little Ones in Heaven," Robert Webb; quartette, Delands and Drexel; closing address, by the pastor; chorus, "Shall We Meet Beyond the River," school. The church was well filled.

Prof. Gregory on Imagination.

Dr. J. M. Gregory, late president and professor of mental science of the Illinois state university, delivered an interesting and profitable lecture to the students and friends of the Washington School of Elocution at the residence of the principal, Mrs. M. Stevens Hart, on Saturday evening. The doctor treated memory and imagination as twin faculties of the mind—the one dealing with the past, the other with the future—thereby exploding many prevalent and crude theories on this subject. Among the select audience were Gov. and Mrs. Bushyhead, of Indian territory, who joined in general expression of pleasure enjoyed by the whole company. These lectures are provided expressly for the students.

To Attend Graham's Funeral.

The Sons of Jonadab will assemble at the hall of Pioneer council this afternoon at 2 o'clock to attend the funeral of the late sovereign patriarch, Robert S. Graham. The United Order of the Golden Cross will attend the funeral in a body from Gen. Burdett's residence, 1740 M street.

Lincoln Hall To-Day.

This afternoon at 2 o'clock will be opened the new course of amusements at Lincoln hall. The exercises are varied and interesting. To-night, other amusements of same character as in the afternoon.

The Wolf Tone Ball.

The Wolf Tone club give their second grand ball to-night at Washington hall, on Capitol hill.

PERSONAL.

George D. Fowle, Pennsylvania, and O. L. Harris and wife, New York, are at the Arlington.

Hon. P. Henry Smythe, one of the most prominent attorneys of Iowa, and wife are stopping at the Arlington.

Alexander G. Cochran, Missouri; Robert J. Edwards and Sumner C. Chandler, Massachusetts, are at Wormley's.

Commodore Badger, commandant of the Boston navy yard, is in the city. He called at the navy department Saturday.

Mr. Marcus R. Mayer, manager of Henry Abbey's Italian opera company, and Mme. Christine Nilsson are at the Arlington.

Mr. Clarence P. Dresser, editor of the Chicago *Eye*, arrived at the National hotel yesterday, and will remain here several days.

Miss Madie E. Dresser, of Chicago, is spending a few days in Washington, the guest of Miss Alice Swan, No. 323 First street southeast.

Capt. Neil, Baltimore; G. H. Stoiber, Colorado; J. H. Griesel, New York; J. S. Thomas and wife, Michigan, are at the Harris house.

Rev. Father Stephan, who has been in the city for the Dakota Emigration society, left for his home, in Jamestown, Dak., Saturday.

Postmaster General Gresham and Third Assistant Postmaster General Hazen have gone to Hartford, Conn., to inspect the postage stamp factory at that place.

P. Buchbinder, New York; J. W. Hamilton, Michigan; George B. Selby, New York; George Dean, New York; W. J. Davenport, New York, are at the St. James.

Secretary Chandler, the Russian minister, and Capt. McCalla returned from New York Saturday morning. Capt. Schley and other members of the party have not returned yet.

William P. Kelly, H. M. Butler, J. B. Martin, James McIlrath, New York; Willard Marcy, Massachusetts; Maj. J. C. Salter, Illinois, and C. I. M. Gwinn, Maryland, are at Willard's.

Ex-Gov. Gaston, Robert R. Bishop, G. G. Rutlisch, M. D., J. C. Harris, M. D., F. A. Harris, M. D., Massachusetts; J. I. White and wife, Indiana; H. W. Cannon, Minnesota, and J. G. Reeves, Ohio, are at the Rigg's.

Squire Taliafero, Chas. Wooding, Rufus Hatchet, Grandison Porter, Emanuel Harroway, S. W. Graham, S. P. Earley, Henry Reid, Stephen Long, W. H. Paxton, W. Gay, W. P. Watkins, Capt. W. S. Reid, and M. F. Hughes, all of Danville, Va., are at Carson's hotel.

Wm. A. Macleod, Boston; James Tanner, J. W. Kay, Brooklyn; J. J. Read, U. S. N.; C. P. Davidson, Mrs. P. Davidson, Scranton, Pa.; Lee S. Moore, Boston; S. W. Kelsey and wife, New York; J. P. Smith and wife, Burlington, Iowa; George F. Evans, Martinsburg, W. Va.; Hon. J. H. Camaller, Maryland; D. W. Comstock and Frank Willcox, Richmond, Ind., are at the Ebbitt.

THE BOAT CLUBS.

Result of the Conference on the Regatta Saturday Evening.

The second meeting of the conference committee of the boating clubs was held Saturday evening at the rooms of the Columbia club, with Mr. Richard Pairo, of the Analostans, in the chair and Mr. J. H. Doyle, of the Potomacs, as secretary. Mr. Gordon, of the Columbias, moved that a regatta be held under the auspices of the clubs represented, which was adopted. The following resolution was offered by Mr. Gibson, of the Columbias: "That this committee recommend to their respective clubs that an invitation be extended to the National Association of Amateur Oarsmen to hold their annual regatta here on the Potomac river; provided it does not conflict with the wishes of the Schuylkill navy." After a prolonged discussion the measure was adopted. The committee also agreed to look upon the senior four-oared contest to decide the question of championship between the local clubs of this district, and that the regatta held under its auspices shall be known as that of the "Potomac River Regatta." It was agreed also to invite the Carroll Institute Rowing club to meet with the conference and act upon questions at stake. The main question of the evening was the disposition of the two cups that are at present placed on the senior four-oared race—the *Star* and *Post* cups. The discussion of this question occupied the greater portion of the meeting, the Analostans and Potomacs holding out for the *Post*, while the Columbias favored the *Star*. Finally Mr. Gibson offered a resolution that the *Post* cup go to the four-oared race, while the *Star* be placed upon the eight-oared shell contest, provided it met the sanction of the proprietors of the *Star*. Messrs. Gibson and Doyle were appointed a committee to wait upon the proprietors and get their views and wishes on the matter.

A Voice from New York.

To the Editor.

I have seen stated in various papers the alleged relative strength of different republican candidates for the presidency in the state of New York, and have also seen it stated that Mr. Arthur could not carry the state. Now, sir, although not professing to be a politician, nor one who can weigh probabilities to the ounce in presidential calculations, and not being committed in any manner to the interests of any one of the distinguished gentlemen who are named for that position, I am firmly of the conviction that if any republican can carry the electoral vote of New York, Mr. Arthur can and will if nominated. Nor is this a new born inspiration or revelation, but a conviction of many months standing, and is the result of the general expressions of satisfaction I have heard of the judicious course taken in the many complications that have surrounded President Arthur, only too well known to the party of which he is the head. Mingling as I have done with all classes of business men and of the different political parties, I simply know and challenge contradiction to the statement that the administration of President Arthur has received more general commendation and less of unfavorable criticism from them than any other administration in many years.

There has been a general feeling of confidence in the conservative course pursued by the President ever since his inauguration; and I believe the business men of all parties would breathe more freely were they to know that the same steady hand was to be kept at the helm four years more. And, looking back to the terrible time when he took his position, and the order which has been brought out of the chaos, we may not wonder that the people of all classes have learned to prize the present executive.

I would not be understood as advancing the opinion that Mr. Arthur is the only republican who could carry the state or that he would be the best man to nominate. Very many considerations must come in, and any one of a half dozen named would satisfy me; but I am sure that Chester A. Arthur to-day would find as many responsive "yeas" in the hearts of the people of all parties in the state of New York as any man that could be named for the presidency. WESTERN NEW YORK.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 23, 1884.

"Presidential Timber."

To the Editor.

The Washington correspondent of the Houstod (Texas) *Post*, writing from this city under date of the eleventh, under the heading "Presidential Timber," has the following concerning the attitude of some Texas republicans in reference to Gen. Logan's presidential candidacy and his status in that state:

As an example, there were five Texas republicans here last week, the party including Judge Binckley, chairman of the state central committee; J. G. Tracy, who was chairman of the state committee when the republicans won their first and last victory in Texas, in 1869; ex-Collector Patton, William A. Sayler, mayor of Austin, and Postmaster Peils, of Palestine. Every one of these was for Logan, and they said Logan would get an unbroken delegation from their state.

Insofar as the above applies to me, it is without authority and destitute of truth. I have never given expression, publicly or privately, to the sentiments attributed to me by the correspondent, and I have good reason to know that Judge Binkley and the other gentlemen named have never made the assurance that "Logan would get an unbroken delegation from their state." It would be arrogant and assumptive in the extreme for any four or five republicans to pretend to speak for more than a hundred thousand voters. I certainly would not be one of them.

It was not deemed necessary to notice this canard here until attention was called to the fact that it had been copied by the New York *Tribune* and other northern journals. Although without foundation, if allowed to pass without contradiction it might be regarded as the truth. Therefore I respectfully request the publication of this disclaimer in THE REPUBLICAN. Truly yours,

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