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Such sympathy as springs from mutual shame exists between New York and Pennsylvania. Each has to blush for its governor.

Democrats will learn the art of governing the country just as a young sawnee learns surgery—by experimenting. The victim in either case has a hard time.

Removal of department clerks would be more decent than the adoption of a system of petty insults and annoyances intended to force self-respecting persons to resign.

Serious depression and a formidable strike in all branches of the iron and steel industry and the prospect of a very short wheat crop are discouraging features of the business outlook.

From the advertisement of the city collector's sales in the Baltimore papers it appears that there are a few lots in each ward of that city which are not to be sold for taxes. This is encouraging.

While sentimental patriots were strewing flowers on the graves of the heroic dead, Mr. McDonald, having a more practical turn of mind, was decorating the head of the administration with his distinguished approval.

Twenty years of penal servitude for French dynamiters is calculated to reduce the enthusiasm of their unconverted associates. Still, the disease is extremely difficult of cure, and is by no means certain to be eradicated by pains and penalties.

In the bright lexicon of the Mississippi Democrat there is no word that half expresses his contempt for an administration which, while owing its existence to political murders, turns up its nose in policy toward the nation of giving an official to the friend and apologist of a political murderer.

The administration is said to have become convinced that the southern and western Democrats will, for the sake of harmony, agree to the adoption of a new silver dollar based on the gold standard. This is a delusion. The silver men—and their name is legion—cannot be coaxed or bullied into such an arrangement.

Now that at least a dozen of the principal Tory newspapers on this side of the Atlantic have been graciously pleased to award honor to Mr. Gladstone for his great services to mankind in preserving peace with honor, may we not indulge a hope that the small fry American Tory papers will recover from their disappointment and rage at the disappearance of the war cloud?

The Jacksonian way of getting a man out of office in order to create a vacancy was to off with his head without ceremony. The reform Democratic way of effecting the same object is to petition a man with mud both before and after decapitation takes place. This is about all that the Democratic party learned during twenty-four years of retirement, saving and excepting a great lesson that the cardinal Democratic tenet, concession, must be abandoned for a time.

It requires little effort of fancy to imagine the marble statues of patriots in the old hall of the Capitol weeping at the pathetic eloquence of J. Davis as he walks out his fair "that respect, veneration, and love for the constitution have departed from the people, and that the elements of disintegration are doing their deadly work." This is more than the average citizen can bear up under. To go out in the woodshed and "have a good cry all alone by himself" is the relief that nature imperiously demands.

A Democratic administration cannot afford to do less than a Republican one did in a similar case—that is, protect the rights of the government as far as practicable in the loan made to the New Orleans Cotton Exposition. The managers of the Philadelphia Centennial Exposition failed to pay the \$1,000,000 loaned to it, and were compelled to do so by a decree of the Supreme Court. Now let the managers of the New Orleans Cotton Exposition be compelled by the same course of litigation to pay the \$1,000,000 loaned them. They are amply able, one of them alone being worth more than double the sum. Action must be taken speedily, or the Louisiana law of "privileges" will cut the government out of one leg of its remittance, by seizing the assets of the exposition.

Yesterday's New York Tribune's "money and business" editorial contains some very remarkable and suggestive figures. For the first time in the history of the New York banks their surplus reserve rises above \$60,000,000. The loans decline nearly \$3,000,000, and are now \$3,999,000 less than a year ago, while the amount of the deposits is \$18,000,000 larger, and the cash reserve \$50,000,000 larger. The Tribune remarks that never before in the history of the banks has the surplus above legal requirements been one-third as large, and just six years ago, May 31, 1879, the banks reported a total reserve of \$60,000,000, whereas the surplus reported on Friday, May 30, 1885, was \$69,767,025. The deposits at that date in 1879, soon after specie resumption,

THE DEBT STATEMENT.

An Analysis of the Document by an Expert. The following explanation of the public debt statement issued yesterday by the Treasury Department was prepared by Mr. John M. Carson...

It is fortunate for the citizens of Washington that the United States engineer corps has authority to act in relation to all matters pertaining to the protection of the water supply of the city. These educated gentlemen, when their attention was called to the facts, did not attempt to distort or deny them. We wish as much could be truly said of the district government as a whole, for it is far more agreeable to THE REPUBLICAN to praise than to censure public officials.

It is with peculiar satisfaction that THE REPUBLICAN announces to the residents of Washington that the engineer officers having charge of the water works will at once proceed to make such changes and perform such work at Great Falls as will prevent the polluted water of the canal from flowing into the mouth of the conduits. They admit the necessity of doing so and state they have sufficient money for the purpose. They are now only waiting the consent of the canal company to their plans of improvement preparatory to commencing operations. This consent is expected without delay.

It has also been decided that the water of the receiving reservoir shall not be used, except in case of some unexpected emergency. In their annual report to the government the engineer department will recommend that an outlet be made for Falls Branch and other streams that bring surface drainage into the reservoir, so as to prevent any connection between the Potomac water and the surface drainage of the neighborhood in this receiving or settling reservoir. It is estimated that the cost of all this will not exceed \$200,000.

Thus it will be seen that every statement made by THE REPUBLICAN regarding the water supply of this city has been confirmed by the highest authority. We congratulate our citizens that the agitation of this question was begun in time to secure pure water before the heated term sets in.

Too Much Greed. THE REPUBLICAN is informed that, in several states, retired army officers are holding civil offices and are anxious candidates for re-election. It is also reported that, in other states, where such army officers have not been elected to civil offices, they are making strenuous efforts to procure such positions.

Now, there is nothing in the constitution nor in the statutory enactments of Congress, nor yet in the statutes of any state which prohibits an army officer from holding any civil office. He may lawfully engage in any business that is not unbecoming an officer and a gentleman.

But it is respectfully submitted that gentlemen who have been permanently discharged from the federal treasury salaries amply sufficient for the good support of themselves and families, and who are guaranteed such payments during life, ought in equity to stand back and let civilians have a clear field for civil offices.

Retired army officers have, as a rule, reached the "maximum pay" period by reason of long service. Few civilians, however, have incomes equal to the salaries of these gentlemen. They ought, it would seem, to be content with the official rank and emoluments of their honorable profession. It is not in accordance with "the everlasting fitness of things" to see a captain of the regular army log-rolling for election to a civil office for which reputable civilians, who pay taxes to support army officers, are aspirants.

The Republican members of the New Hampshire legislature owe it to themselves, to their state, and the country to proceed in the regular manner to nominate and elect a senator without any unseemly strife or needless delay.

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There might have been a more beautiful city than Washington, even as it appears to-day in its summer robes of trees, shrubbery, and flowers, but that which might have been is not.

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A CANDID COLLECTOR.

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WANTED—EMPLOYMENT.

RELIABLE WHITE GIRL WANTS situation in Washington, D. C., or elsewhere. References given. Call at 1003 1/2 St. N. W.

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