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Democratic Economy.

We suppose the United States Government is good for all the daisies it contracts, but we fall to see any fairness in beating the printer down to the very lowest notch, and then keep him waiting from six to eight months for a paltry two or three dollars. It is probably one of the results of Democratic "economy."—Sherburne County Star.

We remember very distinctly that printers had to wait from six to eight months for their pay when the control of the government was entirely in the hands of the Republicans. It is true that the government did not then "beat the printer down to the very lowest notch," nor did it beat anybody down who was supposed to have influence with the voters. But the Democratic House determined that expenses must be cut down regardless of political influence, and persons who print for the government must stand their share of the reduction. That is right, too.

Temperance in Elk River.

From the Sherburne County Star.
 Temperance is the all absorbing topic of discussion in Elk River this week, and it begins to look as though the people were in earnest this time and meant to accomplish something. A meeting of the citizens of Elk River and vicinity was held at Court House Hall, last evening, for the purpose of exchanging views on the subject, and to see if something could not be done to close up the saloons, and stop the sale of liquor in our town. There was a very good attendance, and great interest manifested. Mr. Glassford called the meeting to order, and an opportunity was given those who had not already signed the pledge to come forward and do so, quite a number availing themselves of the chance.

After considerable discussion, the following resolution was found to meet the views of the meeting, and was passed without a dissenting voice:

Resolved, That the Chair appoint a Committee of three to notify those who sell liquor as a beverage, that if persisted in after Saturday night, December 14, without the authority of law, they shall be prosecuted.

The Chair appointed Messrs. A. Merrifield, M. Rouleau and J. Featherstone as such committee.

The following resolution was offered and unanimously passed:

Resolved, That this meeting appoint a committee of three to request the County Commissioners to rescind their resolution granting license to sell liquor in Elk River, and that they refuse to grant such license in the future.

W. M. Jenkins, H. Houlton and W. T. Struble were elected such committee.

A subscription paper was started, for the purpose of raising funds, for use in case it was found necessary to prosecute, and over eighty dollars was subscribed.

The chair was authorized to appoint a committee of three to nominate an executive committee, and report Sunday evening. E. W. B. Harvey, Mr. Jessup and J. Hulbert were appointed such committee. It was voted that a copy of the proceedings of the meeting be furnished the papers for publication, but the copy of the Star, was not handed in until late this morning, so we have had to make the above report from memory.

Investigate the State Prison.

From the St. Paul Globe.
 There is now little doubt that there will be an investigation into the State prison management as soon as the Legislature meets. The investigation is demanded in the interests of humanity as well as for the business interests of the State. There is the usual outcry that all is right, and the Globe is vigorously assailed for allowing the convicts to tell their stories to the public. This was to be expected, but it will not deter the Globe from continuing the good work already begun.

All public institutions should be frequently inspected and investigated. It is the only way to keep officials up to the line of duty. If the officials have committed no error or offense they should be willing and anxious to be investigated. The verbal statements of convicts which we have received, as well as the written ones which we have published, lead to the belief that all is not right at Stillwater. In forming the belief we make due allowance for the fact that the evidence comes, largely from convicts. They have been in a position to know and their stories, told without collusion, bear internal evidence of much truth. The parties accused will, of course, make the most of the previous bad characters of the witnesses, but as the investigation proceeds there will be opportunity to substantiate or disprove their statements by other witnesses. The released prisoners, for instance, uniformly declare that Pat Stack was murdered a few weeks ago. There were certainly peculiar circumstances connected with his death, and an inquiry will do no harm. All of the advantages of an investigation are on the side of the prison, as the evidence of the convicts must be corroborated by

each other or by outsiders. If there is nothing wrong the people will be glad to know it. The Insane Asylum management was loud in its virtuous protesting, but it could not bear the test. Now let the State prison be placed in the crucible and the heat turned on.

Washington Letter.

[From our regular correspondent.]
 Washington, D. C., Dec. 5, 1878.
 Editor Little Falls Transcript:
 The reassembling of a Congress for its second session isn't as lively an occasion as the meeting of a new one which has the exciting work of organization before it. There were no scenes and incidents worthy of graphic detail connected with the present assembling. Speaker and Clerk were warm in their places, and the committees were on hand ready to take up business just where they had left it only a short time before. All business holds the position in which it stood at the adjournment last summer, whereas at the opening of a new Congress everything starts at the foundation. Unfinished measures, originating this session or last, fall entirely on the 4th of March and must take a new start to obtain further hearing. It was a little interesting to the looker-on in Venice to watch the greetings of members with each other, congratulations for those who had been re-elected, and condolence for the less fortunate who must step down and out when this session closes. "Butler luck next time" was the best word for them among their colleagues. Hale was on hand endeavoring to impress the galleries with the idea that he isn't as dead as represented; but he looked gloomy and forlorn, and a tear stole silently down his cheek every time he met the eye of a sympathizing radical. Sam Cox was as fresh and chirrup as a squirrel in nut-gathering season. He looked over towards Hale and Garfield and Snarley-yog Conger in a tone of voice that seemed to say, "you fellows keep still now or I'll make it lively for you." Alexander H. Stevens also answered to the roll call. The little Georgia giant's 85 pounds of skin and bones occupied his familiar rocking chair with an air of cushioning to prop him up. This country has never seen an instance of such wonderful mental power maintained in such a slender broken down physical structure. Yet he seems better now than at any time for three or four years, and promises much usefulness.

The bloody-shirt war which we have been assured is to be a prominent feature in this session, was begun in a sort of skirmish along the out-post on the very first day. The acting President's message was the signal. What Mr. Hayes says on the subject of elections in the South is not all that the shriekers desired, but it is a good deal too much in view of the fact that the whole thing is a partisan out-ry raised to serve the basest of partisan ends. Mr. Hayes is undoubtedly out of humor with the South. In return for the discharge of his plain duty in withdrawing Federal interference with their local governments, and permitting them to manage their own affairs as the other states do, he expected the South to fall into line and sustain the Republican party. But the Southern people have not been guilty of the political infidelity hoped for by trading politicians of the Hayes stripe. Removed from the coercive influences of bayonets and corrupt returning boards, the South is Democratic. Hence these Radical tears. A few years ago when there were only two Democratic members of Congress from that entire section, a "Solid South" had no terrors for these Radical marplots. Then carpet-baggers had full swing, and reconstruction was working according to Hoyle. Things were booming and the the goose hung "alitudelam." But the gradual enfranchisement of the whites and the waning over of the better class of blacks restored a natural condition of things. Republicans say that Mississippi, South Carolina, etc., should be Radical by 30,000 majority. The argument is that there are so many thousand colored voters and consequently so many Republican votes should appear in the boxes. That would be good logic if all the blacks voted the Radical ticket; but they don't. The fact that six colored Democrats have just been elected to the legislature in South Carolina is pretty conclusive evidence that a tolerably lively sprinkling of blacks vote and act with the whites. Your correspondent spent four months in the South last year, and saw on every hand ample, unmistakable evidence that the more intelligent colored men were earnest active Democrats. It is the most natural thing in the world. Their interests, instead of being antagonistic to the whites as the lying, scheming carpet-baggers long made them, believe, are identical and inseparable. Neither one can prosper without the other, and left to them-

selves they come together in politics as naturally as two electric currents, or as readily as the laws of trade and reciprocity are adjusted. It is the colored man and brother who has disappointed the Republicans. When a Radical Congress put the ballot into the hands of the negro, and added a score or more to Southern representatives in the Electoral College and the halls of legislation, it was done to give the Republican party permanent control of the Government. But the colored citizen found Radical promises of "forty acres and a mule" a delusion and a snare. To revenge themselves upon a people whose influence with the blacks and whose honest interest in them is greater than their own, these Radicals now attempt a revival of the era of hate and sectional strife. The grossest of falsehoods and wickedest of inventions are to be resorted to, and the entire public business prostituted in the effort to inflame the minds of people at the North who are unacquainted with the facts.

Mr. Blaine followed Hayes' message with a resolution to raise an "investigation" committee to set the outrage mill in motion. There may have been irregularities and unwarrantable acts in connection with the recent elections in some parts of the South. Such things have transpired in Ohio, in Pennsylvania, and even Massachusetts. But the judicial remedy is every where ample. Democrats North and South unite in demanding legal punishment for every violation of the election laws, but in Congress they will use every endeavor to defeat the schemes of these Radical marplots. And the sublimest exhibition of cheek ever witnessed is the spectacle of Rutherford B. Hayes talking about election frauds to a Congress that is in possession of the facts relative to his own seizure of the presidency, while holding an office to which he knows another was overwhelmingly elected, common decency would seem to render "election frauds" a forbidden subject at the White House.
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Excessive Sharpness.

From the Pioneer Press.
 "The old adage that 'excessive sharpness cuts itself,' receives a very impressive illustration in the fate of poor Benton, the famous newspaper correspondent, whom the Paris papers speak of as the chief of that tribe of Bohemians. This extraordinary creature knew everything and believed nothing. He scattered abroad the dollars of his journal with princely munificence, was on intimate terms with all the political celebrities of Europe, spoke eight languages with fluency, and assisted at all the recent wars of the Old World as a most conscientious spectator. It is related that in the pursuit of his profession as a news-gatherer he gained admission to Prince Gortschakoff's presence as a tailor, to Bismarck's as a photographer; he had gone to royal banquets disguised as a waiter, and to royal burials as a coffin-bearer. During the Franco-Prussian war he figured as a Turco, a Zouave or a Uhlans, according as the exigencies of the situation demanded. He always insisted that he could deceive anyone, but could not himself be deceived, and to this mental prepossession he fell an ignominious victim. While passing through a German city he witnessed an exhibition of six trained bears, and they went through their military drills and other performances with such startling regularity that Mr. Benton at once concluded that they were not bears, but men disguised in bear skins. He offered to wager with the manager that he would enter the den, but the exhibitor declined to sanction the enterprise. The newspaper man, determined to verify his suspicion, invited all the journalists of the city to a dinner, assured them that the bears were men, and told them to be on hand next day and he would unmask the humbug and furnish a sensation for their columns. He did furnish the sensation, but not in the manner he anticipated. Having bribed an employe of the menagerie, Benton, disguised as a bear, entered the cage. The terrible sequel is thus related by the local press: "His five companions seemed furiously excited, but he attributed this to their desire to find out suspicion. The public applauded most enthusiastically. It was then that the unhappy being, desirous of carrying out his plan, turned towards the press box, removed his bear's head and bowed politely. A tremendous roar of laughter ensued, followed by an immense shriek of terror. The bears, on seeing this human face, precipitated themselves upon the unfortunate man. Before the tamer could take steps to save him, the reporter, frightfully mutilated, had breathed his last. Thus perished the poor W. Benton, whose editor-in-chief seeks vainly for a man fit to replace him."

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 County of Morrison,
 In Probate Court—Special term, November 9, A. D. 1878.
 In the matter of the estate of F. W. Coleman deceased.
 Whereas, An instrument in writing, purporting to be a true transcript of the last will and testament of F. W. Coleman deceased, late of said County, has been delivered to this court;
 And Whereas, P. T. Lamox has filed therewith a petition, representing among other things that said F. W. Coleman died in the County of Caroline in the State of Virginia on the first day of September, 1869, testate, and that said petitioner is interested in said last will and testament, and praying that said instrument may be admitted to probate.
 It is Ordered, That the proofs of said instrument, and the said petition, be heard before this Court, at the Probate Office in said County, on the 7th day of December, A. D. 1878, at 1 o'clock in the afternoon, when all concerned may appear and contest the probate of said instrument.
 And it is further Ordered, That public notice of the time and place of said hearing be given to all persons interested, by publication of these orders for three weeks successively previous to said day of hearing, in the Little Falls Transcript a newspaper printed and published at Little Falls in said County.
 GEO. G. KIMBALL,
 Judge of Probate.
 By A. GUERNON, Clerk.

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SUMMONS.

STATE OF MINNESOTA,
 COUNTY OF MORRISON,
 DISTRICT COURT,
 SEVENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT.
 Mary Thompson, Plaintiff,
 against
 Barnett Thompson, Defendant. }
 The State of Minnesota, to the above named Defendant:
 You are hereby summoned and required to answer the complaint in this action, which has been filed in the office of the Clerk of said Court, at Little Falls, Morrison County, Minnesota, and to serve a copy of your answer to said complaint, on the subscriber, at his office, in Little Falls, Morrison County, Minnesota, within thirty days after the service of this summons upon you, exclusive of the day of such service; and if you fail to answer the said complaint within the time aforesaid, the plaintiff in this action will apply to the Court for the relief demanded in the complaint.
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