

The Irish Assassinations.

In all the past the history of the assassination of rulers and other public officers does not furnish an instance where the details are more shocking to humanity than those which attended the murder of the Chief Secretary, Lord Cavendish, of Ireland and his under secretary, Mr. Burk, in the public park of the city of Dublin on Saturday night. The deliberate coolness of the assassins and the means they employed to take the lives of their victims show them to be monsters not unlike the nihilist assassins in Russia, whose atrocities have been without parallel in all the past.

This crime in Ireland, like the assassination of President Lincoln, was committed at a period in the Irish difficulties where there was the least cause for commission of the shocking deed. The English Ministry had just changed its policy, and a new Secretary taken the office which had been vacated by a man who for good reasons, was obnoxious to the Irish people. What then could be the motive? Certainly no sane man, who is a friend of Ireland, could expect to promote the welfare of the people of that wretched land by the commission of a crime which shocks the people of the civilized world. Certainly just at the moment when the policy of the Government had been changed was the most inopportune one for assassination, and until full investigation discloses some other motive, it is fair to infer that the assassins were moved to commit this crime by the hope of thwarting the conciliatory designs of the Government and of inaugurating an era of bloodshed.

Many times there has been much wild and incendiary language employed by the friends of Ireland, and many crimes have been committed that are a disgrace to the Irish people, but so far as we know no Irish leader has advocated assassination. Indeed the Irish leaders are the first in Ireland to boldly denounce this shocking crime for which the people of Ireland will be severely punished unless the Government and the British are so magnanimous as to relieve the Irish people of the responsibility for this crime. In that case they would follow the example of the Government of the United States and our loyal people, when they held the southern people guiltless of the assassination of President Lincoln, punishing those only who were actively engaged in the conspiracy.

For Auditor General.

Early in the present year we voiced what we believe was the public sentiment of this county then and is now, by advocating the re-nomination for Auditor General of Hon. W. Irving Latimer. That he is an exceedingly valuable officer does not admit of a doubt. The office is one where rotation has not been the rule, efficiency and experience being very essential to the prompt discharge of the duties of the position in a legal and satisfactory manner. Since our former article was written, the special session of the Legislature has placed on our statute books a new and exceedingly intricate tax law. It changed radically the existing order of things, and requires a vigorous hand at the helm to make the ship of State sail smoothly on, while the necessary things changes incident to the new order of things are being made. This alone is a sufficient reason why a new and unexperienced man should not be selected at this time for this important position. Other men, there may be, and probably are just as worthy and able as Mr. Latimer, who lacking his experience would at this time prove less valuable and efficient guardians of the public weal, and hence for their own interest as well as the interest of the State, should not at this time be placed in charge of the Auditor's office.

Rotation in office, all other things being equal, after parties have served for two or more terms is well, and as a rule ought to be, party policy; but to all such rules there are always to be noted exceptions whenever the public good will be promoted by making the exception. We do not believe any man has any claim to any

office. The officer is simply a servant of the people, to be by them selected because he can do for them the work to his hands submitted as well or better than any other man, and if better then any change is detrimental, which we think would be the result should a change be made in the occupant of the Auditor General's office at the present time. Hence we decidedly favor the re-nomination of Mr. Latimer.

In saying this we wish it distinctly understood that we have no opposition to any man whose name has been suggested. We know Hon. A. B. Copley of Van Buren county well, and have no doubt he is a man who would make an officer of whom the Republican party would have every reason to be proud, and who to the best of his knowledge and ability would make an efficient Auditor, but we affirm our conviction that this is not the time when the Auditor's office can be safely placed in the hands of any inexperienced man which, with all his ability and Legislative experience, Mr. Copley is, so far as it relates to the peculiar duties devolving upon the Auditor General, hence we favor Mr. Latimer's re-nomination, because we are convinced by him the people will be better served, not from any personal preference, nor because we should not be glad at the proper time and under ordinary circumstances to contribute our mite towards placing Mr. Copley in any position of profit, and honor within the gift of the people of Michigan.

But against the position taken by the Van Buren County Republican that Van Buren county has claims that are "fairly entitled to recognition" we must in behalf of the Republicans of those counties who have just as able and worthy men as can be found in Van Buren county, enter a vigorous protest. Shiawassee county is just as reliably Republican as Van Buren, and has several men of experience in public life that are just as competent for any State office as is any citizen of Van Buren county, and who are just as much entitled to recognition, yet Van Buren county has had the Secretary of State for two terms, Deputy Secretary for three terms, and State Treasurer one term, while no State officer or Deputy has ever been given to the Republicans of Shiawassee. Of this we do not complain, but insist that while there are other just as reliable Republican counties, and there is a score of them, as Van Buren which have never been favored by the selection of a State officer from among their honored citizens, Van Buren has no claims which other counties do not possess, that are "fairly entitled to recognition."

Twenty-two Trained Elephants.

In Forepaugh's Great Show, which is to exhibit here on Wednesday, May 31st, there will be presented the extraordinary spectacle of twenty-two elephants all performing in the arena at the same time. The Philadelphia News, alluding to this feature of Mr. Forepaugh's Show, says: "This mighty herd of mastodons file into the grand amphitheatre like moving mountains; obedient to the commands of their trainer, they rear their ponderous bodies into colossal pyramids, almost touching the dome of the lofty canvas, filling with awe, admiration and wonder the mind of the spectator, and forcibly illustrating the Almighty's decree that unto man is given 'dominion over every living thing that moveth upon the earth.' Never has there been presented to the public, in any period of the world's history, not even when Rome was in the zenith of her power and glory, and thou sands of wild beasts were slaughtered to make a single holiday, has there ever been, exhibited twenty-two performing elephants, disciplined and trained to execute such a series of truly astonishing acts as this great herd of mastodons daily perform. They present the most awe-inspiring, amazing, thrilling spectacle of animal sagacity ever offered to the public. These representations from the land of Brahma, Shiva and Vishnu were formerly used in the sacred and spectacular displays customary in that distant region, and wherever they appear never fail to excite the most unbounded applause, wonder and admiration of all who witness their marvelous maneuvers. Thousands are daily flocking to see this, the greatest herd of trained mastodons the world ever saw. They all appear in living pyramids, elephantine dances, military evolutions, play upon musical instruments, stand upon their heads, pick up needles and pins, un cork bottles and drink their contents, engage in racing, walk, posture and balance upon the tight rope, and also introduce and perform a grand elephantine pantomime, prepared expressly for them, wherein they exhibit all the emotions of love, hatred, anger, pride, fear, jealousy, grief, mirth and other human attributes, leaving no doubt in the minds of the spectators but that these majestic brutes reflect and comprehend the nature of cause and effect.

An Interesting Fact.

In France, all patent medicines must be endorsed by an official board of physicians before they can be sold. In lieu of such a law in America, the people have resolved themselves into a national committee which has endorsed Swayne's Ointment for allaying the itching accompanying the piles, as the only reliable remedy in the market. It is a poor rule that won't work both ways.

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