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CLEAN the city or enlarge the graveyard is the mild suggestion of the Chicago News.

WHAT Champion S. Chase doesn't know about sewerage would fill several volumes.

MAYOR CHASE has sobered up a little during the last few days, but he still exhibits unmistakable symptoms of a crank.

How are the mighty fallen. Tom Murphy, ex-collector of the port of New York, who was a mighty power during the Grant administration, has been arrested for obtaining \$500 on a fraudulent draft.

J. STERLING MORTON pulled the democratic platform out of his vest pocket, and it was adopted with a hurrah.

STERLING has a happy faculty for platform building, but he was never known to swallow his own prescription.

NEBRASKA expects every democrat to do his duty to-day.—Herald.

What duty are Nebraska Bourbons expected to perform? Were they all expected to take a hand in the democratic state convention?

THE lost has been found again. Miss Phoebe Cousins escaped from the terrible Rochester cyclone all right, and she has the gratification of creating a sensation that has evoked much sympathy all over the country.

A KANSAS CITY sharpshooter fires a minnie ball from a smooth bore repeating rifle in the following paragraph: Phil Sheridan will succeed Gen. Sherman, October 1st. The two cent stamp succeeds the three cent stamp on the same day.

A MICHIGAN man claims to have invented a telephone by means of which a conversation can be carried on for a distance of 1,000 miles. The crying demand of the hour is for a telephone that can be effectively used for a distance of ten or twenty rods.—Chicago Herald.

That's about the size of it in Omaha. WITHIN sixty days no less than twenty-five artesian wells have been sunk in Denver, each of which is flowing pure water. Their average depth is 325 feet. And still the good people of Denver are thirsty and in want of a supply of water that will meet the ordinary wants.

A COUNCILMAN who runs a working-man's saloon in one of the lower wards wants an order issued for the wholesale removal of prostitutes. He should by all means be accommodated if the order includes males that are harlotting with every jobber that wants to buy them.

MAYOR CHASE proposes to demolish the Waring sewer system just to undo what Mayor Boyd has done during the preceding term. To replace the Waring system with brick sewers would involve an outlay of from \$300,000 to half a million, but we presume Mayor Chase is ready to plank down half a million to gratify his idiotic spleen.

CHICAGO is liable to be abandoned as headquarters of the military division of the Missouri, after General Sheridan takes up his headquarters at Washington. It is not necessary that there should be such a division after the lieutenant general will have taken his new field, and it really isn't material to the well-being of Chicago that military headquarters should have an existence there.

It is an ill wind that blows nobody good. The steamship companies appear to have struck a good thing. They bring over "assisted emigrants" and the United States government pays them for carrying them back. Another steamship brings over again to another port, whence, in turn, they are sent back. In this way the government has paid \$1,000,000. The law forbids the landing of these unfortunate, but provides no penalties for punishment. It orders that they be sent back, which is done at the cost of the government. We love dearly to encourage foreign commerce.

THE Denver exposition has proved a dismal failure. It is now admitted on all hands that Denver has undertaken more than she could sustain. The Denver Tribune makes the following comment on the collapse: "The four proprietors had better shut up the exposition. It is an honor neither to themselves nor to the state. We are rather inclined to respect their intentions, but the execution has been a failure. There should never be another exposition here until the merchants take some interest in it and run it. The present experiment has proven an utter failure. The thing most to be regretted is that the names of Denver and Colorado should have been used for what has been purely a private enterprise. The mineral exhibit may be fair, but the fact remains that, to a stranger, the exposition seems to be a vast emptiness. It has done much more harm than good to Colorado."

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THE NEW SOUTH.

Eighteen years have elapsed since the close of the war. The states that were devastated by four years of a most bloody conflict have recovered from the drain of men and money. A new generation has sprung up, more thrifty, active and enterprising than the shiftless old chivalry that subsisted on the toil of four million bondsmen. The new south is beginning to emulate the enterprise and industry of the north in the number and extent of their manufactures.

There are already scores of cotton mills scattered through Tennessee, South Carolina, Georgia, and Alabama, in a highly favored region, where, before the war, there were scarcely half a dozen. Woolen mills are springing up here and there, and in certain districts there are iron furnaces and mills which are so important that they powerfully incline the states in which they are toward a protective policy. All the states mentioned, as well as Arkansas and Texas, offer every facility for the manufacturer. The South Atlantic and Gulf States and Tennessee are intersected by the Cumberland range of mountains, which is the source of hundreds of streams, furnishing ample and inexpensive motive power. Western Arkansas and northern and northwestern Texas are similar in physical characteristics. The whole region thus diversified is elevated, healthy and so mild in climate as to offer no impediment to manufacturers at any season of the year. Iron and coal are abundant, railroads are everywhere, and as the country is fertile and well developed, the cost of living is moderate. It is, therefore, not strange to hear that the cotton mills in South Carolina have already realized more than 10 per cent on their investment.

There are advantages in this extension of manufactures at the south not entirely material. Common interests are developed that produce similarity of opinion, and bring the north and south nearer together. When the south had the patriarchal system of slavery and was exclusively agricultural, it had little sympathy except with those who bought its cotton and wool. The north and south had few points of contact, and those were aristocratic. Now every new manufactory opened in the south takes skilled workmen and operatives from the north, brings experienced mechanics from the same section and makes the country more desirable to northern merchants and immigrants from all classes who desire legitimate investment. With these varied interests and increased communication with other regions the south will become less provincial and more disposed to regard as friends those who hitherto seemed mere aliens. Thus in the process of time sectional resentments will be displaced by common interests and sympathies, and that highly colored bit of political oratory, "No North, no South, no East, no West," will cease to be rhetorical and become a simple matter of fact.

THREE out of five of the democratic platform committee were doctors. Two doctors were nominated for the board of regents and it looks now as if the case was very desperate.

THIS time the democratic bird is out early.

POLITICAL NOTES. Ex-Senator Chaffee, of Colorado, says he is out of politics.

New York has eleven judicial judges, and they each draw an annual salary of \$8,000.

Greenbackers are aiding the democratic ticket in Iowa as the prohibitionists are in Ohio.

Ex-Senator Oglesby, of Illinois, is the leading republican candidate for governor of that state.

Pinchback, of Louisiana, favors the reelection of Arthur. He says Blaine has no chance.

Lieutenant-Governor Ames, of Massachusetts, is in the race as a republican candidate for governor.

There have been 21 holdover senators of the republic in the Iowa senate, and one democrat only.

Massachusetts will be the first state in the Union to choose delegates to the democratic national convention.

Senator Cox claims to have as many votes pledged to him for speaker as Randall. But he produces no figures.

Missouri democrats complain that Governor Crittenden is injuring the party by his firm position in favor of the high license law.

Indiana democrats say their state will not be represented on the national democratic ticket unless McDonald and Hendricks stop wrangling.

Emery, of Chicago, rather expects to see the ticket of Arthur and Foster elected in 1884. He was confident that Grant would win in 1880.

Mr. Thurman is no small, cold potato in the actions of the older class of eastern democrats, and many of them would like him to run for president.

A Texas paper advocates holding the next democratic national convention in Galveston, pleading that for nearly a quarter of a century no party has held a national convention in a southern city.

Tilden stock is booming among the Missouri Democrats. Editor Munford, of the Kansas City Times, who opposed the old man at Cincinnati, in 1880, has been visiting New York, and is now anxious to see him nominated.

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Judge Field, of the United States Supreme Court, talks politics too much for a man in his position.

Field Marshal von Moltke was taken for a tramp recently and ordered out of one of the German inland villages.

Emory A. Storrs was a monster sunflower in his lapel the other evening, and won a wager of a box of cigars.

IMMIGRATION.

The Tremendous Influx of Europeans to the United States—A New Nation Every Ten Years.

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THE NEW GRAND MASTER.

A Sketch of His Somewhat Eventful Life. San Francisco Chronicle.

Robert E. Withers, the newly elected Grand Master, has, in his own state, Virginia, held every position both in Masonry and Knight Templarism, having been Grand Master of Masons and Grand Commander of the state of Virginia of the Knights Templar. In public life Mr. Withers has held equally high positions, having been lieutenant governor and United States senator. In the army he also was very prominent on the Confederate side.

Grand Master Withers was born in Campbell county, Va., September 18, 1821, and is therefore almost 62 years of age. He received a good education and entered the medical department of the University of Virginia, where he graduated in 1841. For seventeen years he practiced his profession in his native county, and then in 1858, removed to Danville, Va., where he resumed his practice as a physician until the commencement of the war. He was a Whig in politics and a Union man until the passage of the ordinance of secession by Virginia, and took his stand by his fellow men, and in April, '61, entered the Confederate army as major of infantry, and during the same year was promoted to the colonelcy of the Eighteenth Virginia regiment, which he commanded with great credit to himself, until he was compelled to retire in consequence of numerous disabling wounds. He then was appointed to command the fort at Danville, Virginia, at which position he continued until the close of the war. In the early part of 1866 he removed to Lynchburg and established there a daily paper devoted to the interests of the conservative party, and he continued to edit it until 1868, when he was nominated for governor of Virginia by the conservative party at the convention held at Richmond. He then canvassed the state in opposition to the Underwood constitution, which the military authorities refused to submit to a vote of the people. In 1869 he withdrew from the gubernatorial race in favor of Gilbert C. Walker, nominated for governor by the liberal republicans. In 1872 he was appointed elector for the state at large on the Greeley ticket, and the following year was elected lieutenant-governor, as a conservative, by a majority of 27,546 over his republican competitor, C. P. Ramsdell, and he following year he was elected United States senator from Virginia as a conservative, to succeed John C. Lewis, republican, and took his seat March 4, 1875. His term of service expired in 1881, when William Mahone, the readjuster, succeeded him in the senate. Since then Mr. Withers has led a retired life, having withdrawn for the present from politics.

At the last triennial convocation, held at Chicago in 1880, Mr. Withers, who then held the position of grand senior Warden, was elected to the position of deputy grand master, which position he has filled with much credit for the past three years. His election as grand master is but a just recognition of the many services he had rendered for and the effective work he had done in the order.

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Various Oaths. Cleveland Herald.

It was a curious thing in what are called the dark ages for a sweaver to lay his hand on a crucifix as a sacred symbol, or touch the altar while he swore by the God to whom it was dedicated. Soon he came to swear by the crucifix itself or "by the rod."

Of kindred origin is the oath "by the mass," "by the wourms," hence "by the mass" and "by the wourms." The sacred wafer was to the vulgar mind a part of God's corpulent nature, hence "God's bodkin," a favorite oath of the Elizabethan age.

The custom of placing the right hand upon some sacred object was considered of the utmost importance, and there was quite a difference in the degree of the solemnity of the oath according as the object sworn by was more or less sacred. When Harold of England swore to William the Conqueror that he would not push his claim to the crown, he supposed that he was only swearing on the chest, and hence could do so with a mental reservation, but the oath was really the

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