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OUR CLUBBING

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Diphtheria is alarmingly prevalent at Lacon, in this state, says the Home Journal.

"Chester A. Arthur, president of the United States by the grace of—winning a prize in the 'lottery of assassination.'—Edmunds.

It is now David Davis that seems to hold the winning ticket in Senator Edmunds's Republican "lottery of assassination."

"I am a stalwart of the stalwarts!" exclaimed Guitau when he—made Arthur president. "I am a trimmer of the trimmers!" is the next president maker.

Louis A. Wiltz, Governor of Louisiana, died at his home in New Orleans on Sunday morning of consumption. He is succeeded in the office by Lieut. Gov. Samuel D. McEnery.

The great argument against the continued coinage of silver, "because nobody wants it," is answered by the assistant treasurer at Boston, who says the demand for the last two months has been in excess of the supply.

As a matter of personal safety President Arthur no doubt is well pleased with the selection of David Davis as the next possible president. There is no Guitau crazy enough to think of killing Arthur to put the mountainous Illinois senator in his place.

The new Indiana liquor law, soon to go in effect, fines dealers who sell liquor to drunkards for the first and second offense and subjects them to imprisonment and disfranchisement for the third or subsequent offenses...

The Garfield fund Cyrus W. Field announces closed, the total amount of subscriptions received and paid to the U. S. Trust Company for Mrs. Garfield being \$370,345. With this amount \$300,000 U. S. 4 per cent. registered bonds have been purchased at a cost of \$348,968, leaving a cash balance of \$11,376—all of which, bonds and cash, have been handed over to Mrs. Garfield.

About three hundred ex-Union prisoners of war met at Springfield on Wednesday in response to an invitation to hold a reunion there. Exactly what they met for, unless to give the hotel and saloon keepers of that city a benefit, nobody seemed able to tell.

A mysterious fire, evidently of incendiary origin, was discovered on the Cunard steamer Bothnia, lying at her pier in New York, last Sunday morning. The fire had been kindled in the passage way aft the main saloon, and was extinguished before much damage was done.

Professor King, the aeronaut, who with a companion made an ascension from Chicago in his big balloon on Thursday last week, and after rising a mile in the air sailed off towards the southwest, has not been heard from since, unless he was really seen, as is claimed, on Friday morning passing over Melrose, a town about 20 miles east of La Crosse, Wis., moving towards St. Paul; or, as is again claimed, he was seen on Wednesday morning passing over Geneseo, Ill. While these supposed glimpses of his balloon may justify hopes of his safety, there is a general fear that King and his companion have gone to join Donaldson and Wise in the realms of the mysterious unknown.

P. S. A dispatch yesterday stated that the balloonists had landed on Tuesday in the woods of Wisconsin, and after a hard tramp and nearly starving to death had arrived safe on Thursday night at Chippewa Falls.

A rather interesting experiment upon the virtue and intelligence of the republican party of Pennsylvania is just now being made by Mr. Chas. S. Wolfe, independent republican candidate for state treasurer.

The celebration in no part really opened before the 17th, which was ushered in by an artillery salute. At 10 o'clock the Governor of

Virginia held his reception at Lafayette Hall, and at 1 o'clock, on the arrival of President Arthur and his cabinet, the ceremonies laying the corner stone of the monument by the Masonic fraternity was commenced.

Mr. Wolfe now comes forward and proposes to try whether there is virtue and manhood enough in the republican party of the Keystone state to throw off the Cameron shackles.

DAVID DAVIS.

Considering that the body of the republican papers and leaders seemed to agree, on the election of Senator Bayard as President pro tem. of the senate by the democrats, that it was better for the republicans to have a man in the chair about whose position there was no doubt than a man about whom they knew nothing...

It was evident, however, when the senate met two weeks ago, and the democratic caucus decided, instead of electing David Davis president pro tem., to elect Bayard, a man about whose position they were in no doubt,—that Mr. Davis had changed his mind in regard to the "obligation" he had felt himself under in spring to vote with the democrats in the organization, and he voted with the republicans on Edmunds's motion to admit the New York and Rhode Island senators before proceeding to the election of a president pro tem.;

Now how is this strange inconsistency between Senator Davis last spring and Senator Davis to day to be accounted for except as the effect of a "presidential bee in his bonnet"? The democrats had lost his favor by refusing to humor his weakness in that direction, and he was surly towards the republicans for the same reason.

Well—much good may it do him. The presidential bee in his bonnet is so far gratified that it places the life of but one man between him and a temporary occupancy of the presidential chair, but it is safe to say that that is as near as he will ever come to the summit of his ambition.

But a more notable duel than the above, growing out of the Virginia campaign, was that which loomed up about the same time between Gen. Jubal A. Early and the redoubtable Gen. Mahone. Early, in a speech somewhere in Virginia, with no less bluntness than truth, had denounced Mahone as a miserable "liar and coward."

BLOOD!

Politics are up to boiling heat in the Old Dominion, having reached that stage when reason and argument no longer avail and questions of controversy are settled—not exactly in the old puritan fashion, by apostolic blows and knocks, but by coffee and pistols, in accordance with the miscalled "code of honor."

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DAMAGING FLOODS.

The heavy rains in Minnesota, Wisconsin, Iowa and Illinois during the past week have caused renewed destructive floods along the upper Mississippi from St. Paul to Keokuk.

THE YORKTOWN CELEBRATION.

Anything like the merest outline of the past weeks' pageant at Yorktown in honor of the surrender of Cornwallis at that dilapidated village just one hundred years ago, would of course be impossible in the space at our command.

At Quincey the Warsaw levee, which reclaims 17,000 acres of land, broke on Wednesday, the water rapidly spreading over the country. A large proportion of the land was sown in winter wheat, all of which is ruined.

from Quincey the low lands are all inundated to the bluffs, seven miles from the river. Almost all the inhabitants have fled to that city or have moved to the bluffs. Many hogs and cattle have been drowned, and many more killed by railroad trains, the animals going on the embankment, that being the only ground that can be found above water.

On Thursday the river was falling at St. Paul and down as far as Dubuque and on a stand below that, so that the flood has doubtless passed its height.

ENGLAND'S SECURITY.

Gladstone spoke the simple truth when, in the course of his late speech at Leeds, he said: "So long as America adheres to protection our commercial supremacy will be secure. We need not disturb ourselves the slightest on that score."

Gen. Hancock seems to have been the lion of the celebration, and except to the comparatively few of the thousands present who were comfortably provided for on board the shipping or in special structures on shore, the whole three or four days seem to have been a season of endless discomfort.

WASHINGTON NOTES.

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John Sherman has evidently received some comforting assurances from Secretary Windom in regard to the report made to him by the committee of treasury officials who investigated the case of Sherman's secretary.

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go Board of Trade, and the thousand minor gambling institutions known as "bucket shops"—is criminal and as such indictable, and the jury are instructed to make inquest and bring in true bills against all persons found engaged in that species of gambling.

A summary of the news from Ireland up to Tuesday is given on the 7th page of today's FREE TRADER. To bring it down to yesterday it remains to add, that the city of Dublin was proclaimed on the 18th, all the citizens being warned to remain at home after dark.

The executive board of the land league have ordered a general strike against paying rent, and it looks as if their order would be largely obeyed, though Archbishop Croke enters a solemn protest against it.

The garrison at Limerick has been strengthened by a regiment, and large bodies of military and police patrol the streets.

The land-league receipts from America were nearly \$9,000 last week, and Miss Parnell cables her mother not to return to Ireland, as she would be of more service to the cause in the United States.

A most destructive hurricane visited England on the 14th, causing wide devastation both on land and to shipping.

The hurricane extended to France, Germany and the Netherlands. Eighty-five vessels, principally British, were lost off the coast of the United Kingdom.

The storm also did great damage on the North German coast. Five vessels were wrecked at Bremen and several at Altona.

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COST OF TRANSPORTATION.

A note is made of the fact, by the Chicago organ of the rail-road interests, that a proponent made a contract at that city a week ago to take 10,000 bushels of corn from Chicago to Buffalo at the rate of half a cent per bushel, while in other cases vessels have offered to carry corn to Buffalo for nothing as ballast, and that shippers preferred to send their corn by rail at 6 cts. per bushel from Chicago to New York.

Still there is no doubt the cost of transportation has been so enormously decreased in the last few years by railroads that, as money making enterprises, the water routes have abundant reason to be discouraged.

HOME MATTERS.

Personal.

PORTER.—Sam Porter, of the express office, is resting at Goodland, Ind. BOWMAN.—W. E. Bowman's mother and sister have been his guests since Thursday. QUINN.—Thos. Quinn, of Smurr's, has returned to his post after a siege of malarial fever.

SHERWOOD.—Geo. S. Sherwood, a few years ago one of the popular young men about Ottawa, died at Wapping Falls, N. Y., on last Friday, at about 30 years of age.

OLMSTED.—Dr. A. T. Olmsted's (dentist) card appears elsewhere. The Doctor had intended to spend the winter at Ann Arbor, Mich., but has changed his plans and will remain in Ottawa. He may be found at his office at all business hours.

BELL.—A Mendota paper says that Capt. Geo. W. Bell, formerly of the town of Harmon, Lee county, was married on Thursday night of last week at Pleasantville, Iowa, to Miss Mary E. Covington. Capt. Bell formerly edited the News at that place.

CAREW.—James Carew has become the happy owner of the young steamer "Messenger Gold Dust," by "Messenger Gold Dust," by old "Gold Dust." He is a fine fellow, of fine size and action, and of handsome build.

WATTS.—The following, from the Alton Telegraph, will be interesting reading in this neighborhood: "William H. Watts, traveling with Abner Strawn's sheep, of Ottawa, Ill., had a great responsibility resting on him at the 500 Southdown, Oxford and Shropford sheep; and we are happy to say he gave satisfaction."

HARRIS.—Our energetic friend, J. B. Harris, though "cleaned out" by the late fire, is again hard at work making his excellent Millstone Dressers. He is now at Stormont's Foundry, and will soon have a new Novelty Machine Works of his own.

SIMMONS.—Terry Simmons, in a manly card in his paper, the Marselles Plauditor, announces himself as a candidate for postmaster at that place, if the people desire a change of officers.

LEIGHTON.—Mr. J. H. Leighton, down with fever, is improving rapidly. It will be some weeks still before the boys will allow him to run the risk of returning to his work.