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National Republican Ticket.

FOR PRESIDENT.
RUTHERFORD B. HAYES.

OF OHIO.

FOR VICE-PRESIDENT,
WILLIAM A. WHEELER,
OF NEW YORK.

FOR ELECTORS AT LARGE
JACOB ESTY,

OF Brattleboro,
CHARLES E. HOUGHTON
OF North Bennington

We have seen a recent letter from a gentleman who has resided in California for ten years which says that California will undoubtedly give from \$6,000 to \$8,000 majority for Hayes and Wheeler.

News from the Arctic whaling fleet has been received at San Francisco. Two of the vessels were lost in the ice and a portion of their crews were also lost. The survivors were taken on board the remaining vessels and are on their way home.

The last days of the centennial are its best days as admissions are concerned. Last week the paying admissions averaged over 100,000 per day or \$30,000 during the week. Fifty thousand dollars a day ought to run a pretty big show.

The legislature has accomplished very little of general interest thus far. A good number of bills have been introduced and referred, but no important bills have passed either branch of the legislature. We shall try to keep our readers posted when anything of importance comes up.

It is thought that Russia will take the part of the revolting provinces against Turkey, which is liable to precipitate a general European war, as the other nations can hardly afford to see Russia increase her foothold very much in that direction. It is still possible that the matter can be settled without war, but if it comes it will furnish a large market for our wheat and other products, and help business on this side of the water.

E. K. Apgar who holds office under Gov. Tilden in New York, but who spends most of his time in the "still hunt" business for his master, was an officer in one of the Union regiments for a short time during the war, but was court-martialed for desertion and disgraced from the army. The former private secretary of Jeff Davis holds office under the Democratic administration in New York and is doing valiant service for Tilden and reform. Rebels and deserters to the front is the key note of the reform campaign.

The distinguished lawyer who framed the credit mobilier scheme, the greatest swindle ever perpetrated in America, so that it would evade the law enacted to prevent such swindles, according to the testimony of Oakes Ames, was Samuel J. Tilden. Now such men as Schuyler Colfax and Senator Patterson of New Hampshire, and Brooks of New York, were consigned to their political graves for holding a few shares of the credit mobilier stock, but one man who told them how to accomplish the swindle is running for President on a reform platform.

Only two weeks before election it's a great deal of work will be done in New York and several other States. We hope every Republican in Vermont will be at the polls on election day and cast his vote for the men who will bring peace and prosperity to the whole nation. Vermont out to give 30,000 majority for Hayes and Wheeler and will if the people turn out. They will carry every northern State with two or three exceptions but we would like to see Vermont head the list with the biggest majority on record.

The following Democratic opinion of Tilden hits the nail squarely on the head. It was given by ex-speaker Motteur, a sturdy Democrat, in a speech at Syracuse, N. Y., just before the St. Louis convention:

"In this hall, and on this same platform," said the ex-speaker, "I have seen the man stand up, when Tweed and Sweeny and all the others of the Ring occupied chairs behind him, and heard him talk about 'reform,' the purity of the ballot box, honesty in administration, and the rest of it, just as he does now. He is not talking any 'reform' now that I have not heard him talk time and time again, with Tweed beside him, on this very platform. He stood by Tweed until he saw it was time to help kick him into the Penitentiary, and now he is again talking the same old things about 'reform' which we heard before. I tell you this man Tilden is not to be trusted. He is the most treacherous man I have ever known in politics. All his 'reform' you will find, is self-seeking."

The *Brattleboro Globe* is manfully working for a reduction of State expenses, and claims that State officers are, some of them, paid more than they ought to be. The *St. Albans Advertiser* claims that the increase in the State expenditures is mostly owing to liquor prosecutions which cost the State a great deal of money and make but small return to the State treasury.—We hope our legislators will look into the whole subject and if there are any laws stop them.

Evidence of fraudulent registration in both New York and Brooklyn is in the hands of parties who propose to put a stop to it if possible. In 1868 Tilden, as chairman of the Democratic State Committee was responsible, according to Horace Greeley, for the casting of 30,000 fraudulent votes in the city of New York. That number of fraudulent votes was certainly cast that year, and Tilden who is engineering his own campaign, will be quite likely to try the same game again. We notice that a man who talks loudly of reform will speedily be brought to justice.

There are two methods of using money for electioneering purposes—One is in paying for public speakers and organizing clubs for the purpose of enlightening the people on the great questions of the day, the other is in buying votes and running rum shops in the interest of certain candidates, and for fraudulent registration and voting. The latter is called the "still hunt" and is employed by loud mouthed "reformers." Go into the field and turn over a stone and you will find all manner of hideous worms, bugs and insects of all kinds, lift the cover from the "still hunt" canvas and it is hoped that they will quickly be brought to justice.

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Mr. Harris & Son, and occupied by a tenant in their employ. This fire was also discovered at 1:30 o'clock. The hay had been fired, and when first found, had made but slight progress, but it was found to be impossible to check it. A fine cow, owned by Mr. H., and two hogs belonging to the occupant, perished in the flames. The fire, from the barn, communicated with the shed and dwelling house, and all were entirely consumed. By great exertion, the furniture, clothing, etc., of the family were saved. Insurance on the buildings, \$2,500. The greatest excitement prevails throughout the town. Many of the citizens of the town have to-day been on the ground, to view the ruins, and seeking traces for the incendiary. As yet they are at fault, but several parties have been suspected, at least, and one examined, who proved his innocence.

The selectmen of Windham have offered a reward of five hundred dollars for the arrest and conviction of the rascals, and it is hoped that they will speedily be brought to justice.

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SHOULD THE GRAND JURY EVER BE CHARGED?

We intimated last week that a bill had been introduced by Batchelder of Arlington, changing the Grand Jury term of court from June to December, and consequently from Manchester to Bennington. Established terms of court should not be changed without good and sufficient reasons.

We presume the only reason for a change is that there are more business before the Grand jury from the south shire than from the north, and has it always been the case, or is it likely to always continue thus?

It is true the south shire has a few more inhabitants than the north, but we don't think all the rascals live in that end of the county. The north shire has the most towns and always has a greater number of Grand Jurymen.

Last term of court ten of the Jurymen were from the north shire and eight from the south.

Of the eight towns in the south end Glastenbury and Scarburgh are both very small and Grand Jurymen are seldom drawn from them.

In regard to the time of the year we think the people who are usually drawn as Grand Jurors would much rather attend in June than in December.

In June the hurry of spring work is over and harvesting has begun and a few days spent in the court room does not afford very great inconvenience.

In December it is frequently cold, rough, stormy weather when a man does not like the idea of leaving home if he can avoid it.

We think the county as a whole will be the best served and the best suited to have the Grand Jury term left as it is.

CAUGHT IN THEIR OWN TRAP.

Tilden has a Literary Bureau in New York which furnishes matter for the Democratic papers throughout the Union of course varying the matter to suit the tastes of the people in the different sections of the country. A week or two ago by mistake one of those slips which was destined for some southern paper was sent to the Waukesha, Wis., *Democrat*. The editor of that paper did not stop to read it, supposing of course it was all right coming from the fountain of political knowledge. The following is a portion of the letter referred to:

There has been a disposition among the timid friends of Mr. Tilden to deny that he was opposed to the war, but Mr. Tilden himself has never sanctioned such a denial. He stands now where he stood from 1861 to 1865 opposed to the war for coercing the disaffected States of the Union to remain in it. Mr. Tilden is still a good old fashioned States rights Democrat of the John C. Calhoun stripe, and the Presidency cannot tempt him to forego his faith.

A prominent Republican of that city, reading the article and thinking it a good thing to circulate, ordered 300 extra copies. While they were being struck off the attention of the editor was called to the mistake, by some of his Democratic friends and the objectionable matter was taken out and other matter substituted, so that only about half a dozen of the top of the 300 contained the article referred to. As soon as discovered the Republican brought a suit against the Democratic editor for obtaining money under false pretences.

Opposed to the railroad debt. INCENDIARY FIRE IN WINDHAM.

GRAFTON, Oct. 22, 1876.—*Editor Rat and Heralds*—During the past week the adjoining town of Windham has been the scene of three incendiary fires. The first was discovered at about 2 o'clock Wednesday morning the 18th inst.; the building and contents, including the scholars' books, and some valuable books belonging to the district, were entirely consumed. The school house was situated a few rods west of the residence of William Harris Jr. and this house was endangered.

The second fire occurred on Thursday evening, the 19th inst., at 7:30 o'clock, and was a large barn, 50x40 feet, with basement, owned by Messrs. William Harris & Son. The barn was filled with about thirty tons of hay, a quantity of oats and barley. Adjoining the barn was a large shed, which was also burned. Nothing was saved from either of these buildings. There was a partial insurance on them. This loss falls heavily on the owners, as they have considerable fine stock, to which they proposed feeding this hay and grain.

The third fire occurred on Saturday evening, the 21st inst., consisting of a dwelling house, barn and shed, also owned by Messrs. Harris & Son, and occupied by a tenant in their employ. This fire was also discovered at 1:30 o'clock. The hay had been fired, and when first found, had made but slight progress, but it was found to be impossible to check it. A fine cow, owned by Mr. H., and two hogs belonging to the occupant, perished in the flames. The fire, from the barn, communicated with the shed and dwelling house, and all were entirely consumed. By great exertion, the furniture, clothing, etc., of the family were saved. Insurance on the buildings, \$2,500. The greatest excitement prevails throughout the town. Many of the citizens of the town have to-day been on the ground, to view the ruins, and seeking traces for the incendiary. As yet they are at fault, but several parties have been suspected, at least, and one examined, who proved his innocence.

The houses of M. Dickinson and B. D. Jewell of Windham were entered by burglars while the families were absent a few days since. The burglars succeeded in capturing fifteen tubs of butter and a large quantity of silver ware; five hundred dollars in United States bonds were overlooked.

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