

For the benefit of certain Federal officers now holding by appointment of the President and confirmation of the Senate, if they are silly enough to believe they cannot be removed until the expiration of the term for which they were appointed, we propose to disabuse their minds of so ridiculous an opinion. The question of the power of the President to remove was considered almost at the beginning of the Government, and was decided in 1789 that he had the power to remove without the consent of the Senate. When Andrew Johnson became President, the Northern men then in power proposed to check and control him by the enactment of a law tying his hands in regard to the power of removal. This was the tenure of office act, which was passed in 1867 over his veto. This act provided that every person holding an office for which he had been confirmed by the Senate, should hold it until his successor should be appointed in like manner, unless he should be suspended during the recess of the Senate for misconduct in office or crime, or because incapacitated. If the Senate on meeting should not concur in the suspension, he should resume the functions of his office. Johnson's alleged violation of the law in the removal of Stanton from the War office, was one of the principal charges on which he was attempted to be impeached.

General Grant when he became President did not fancy the restraints that this law placed upon his right of removal, and soon after his inauguration the act was so modified as to provide that Presidential appointees might be suspended at the pleasure of the President during the recess of the Senate, and if the Senate during the next session should refuse to confirm the person appointed in the place of any suspended officer, the President might nominate another. Under the act passed during President Johnson's term, if the Senate did not confirm the new nomination, the suspended officer resumed the functions of his office. Not so, however, under the modified act, for the new nomination does not in any way benefit the suspended officer. It merely requires the President to nominate another and may keep on doing so until a nomination acceptable to the Senate is made. Under a case of this kind, decided in the court of claims, under this law, it was held that the President had the most undoubted right to suspend an officer during the recess of the Senate, "with or without cause." The claimant, said the court, may have been the best postmaster ever known, without the absolute right of the President to suspend him being at all diminished, or he may have been the worst ever known without that right being an atom strengthened.

This settles the question as to Mr. Cleveland's right to suspend a federal officer of his own will, and appoint his successor, and any federal officer whose appointment is from the President, is simply an idiot or a fool if he supposes he can hold on to his office against the will of the President.

The Frankfort Yeoman says: What a fool Blaine makes of himself by the assertion that the negro is not represented by any of the electors sent from the Southern States. He might as well have said that the Irish, the Germans, the French, the Italians, or any other class of people, were not represented. The truth is, he does not know how many Democrats there are among the negroes, and how they gave their voluntary aid to defeat him and his gang of conspirators. In the celebration of the victory of Cleveland and Hendricks at Richmond, Va., there was a colored club, numbering one hundred and fifty voters, who traveled a hundred miles to bear torches upon that occasion.

Mr. Blaine's reference to the fact that the negro population increases the representation of the South is significant at this time, and it goes to affirm an opinion that we have heard lately advanced, to-wit: That in order to decrease the representation of the South the Republicans had it in their heads to disfranchise the negro. We have not the slightest doubt now that had Blaine been elected President, and such a thing been necessary for his re-election, he would have put all his villainous machinery to work to have wiped the negro out of political existence. He knows the South wants its representation continued upon the same basis, and, therefore, wants the negro—not only wants the present, but an increased and a more prosperous negro population. He knows that Southern Democrats will do all in their power to aid, educate and encourage the negro, in the belief that they will ultimately become wise and useful citizens, able to think and act for themselves in politics as in business. Blaine realizes the gradual awakening of the negro race, and he would like to see it disfranchised—even put back into slavery, in order to give him and his disunionist an opportunity to take the South by the throat and hold it thus forever.

WOMAN SUFFRAGISTS.

Echoes from the Annual Convention in Chicago.

CHICAGO, Nov. 24.—The Woman Suffragist Convention has concluded its labors and the members gone home. Among the resolutions adopted at the close of the session was one to the effect that any form of government in which women were not included was unjust; that the triumph of woman suffrage was a subject for rejoicing, as well as the success of the cause in Wyoming, Nova Scotia and Ontario, and the growth of woman suffrage during the past year in many States. It was further resolved that the association was non-partisan, but would support any political party which promised to back up the cause. The association proposed that Congress be memorialized in behalf of a sixteenth amendment abolishing distinctions of sex in politics; that State as well as National authority be appealed to; that, school suffrage having been secured for women in eleven States, the next demand should be for full municipal and Presidential suffrage; and that a fund of \$5,000 be raised by the association for the prosecution of its purposes.

Mrs. Lucy Stone, in speaking of what had been done in Massachusetts, said that idiots, lunatics, felons and women were the only persons who had not the right to vote in that State. The women there were working to elevate themselves from the category of fools and criminals. There were some women in Massachusetts who were opposed to female suffrage, and these had caused a split in the party. Great progress had, however, been made.

MURDEROUS APACHES.

News of the Outrage and Killing of the Petty Family Confirmed.

SAN ANTONIO, Tex., Nov. 24.—Lieutenant Eggleston, who was ordered in pursuit of the Apaches who raided Presidio County, last night telegraphed the result of his scouting to General Stanley. Farmer Petty was shot three times in the head and his wife had been outraged and murdered. Three children were found butchered. The Indians were trailed to where they crossed the Rio Grande into Mexico. Eggleston gave up the pursuit at the river, as the reciprocal treaty for crossing of troops has expired. Eggleston believes if he could take up the trail on the Mexican side he could overtake the Indians in five days. General Stanley has written the authorities in Washington urging an immediate renewal of the reciprocal convention with Mexico.

Fatal Injuries.

ALLIANCE, O., Nov. 24.—By the premature discharge of a cannon at a Democratic jubilation at Minerva, this county, Edward Lafoss had both hands blown off, a leg shattered, and received other injuries, which will prove fatal. Over \$300 has been donated by the marching clubs to the unfortunate man's wife and three children, who are in straitened circumstances.

Nellie Arthur's Birthday.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 24.—Nellie Arthur was thirteen years old Friday last. In the evening a small birthday party was given in her honor. The young ladies who were present were her school friends. Among them were the Misses Wallack, Toole, Todd and McElroy. The President gave his daughter a small gold watch and a copy of Tennyson's poems.

Fox and Others Arrested.

NEW YORK, Nov. 24.—R. K. Fox, William E. Harding, and Charles Johnson, sporting-house keeper, have been arrested on bench warrants issued by Recorder Smythe as being concerned in the recent mill between Greenfield and Sullivan, with five others, and have been indicted by the Grand Jury for having taken an active part in the exhibition.

Train Wreckers Convicted.

SANTA FE, N. M., Nov. 24.—Three of the train wreckers recently arrested, named Collins, Kirkendall and Proctor, were arraigned in the District Court at Socorro Thursday. They confessed their crime and gave the names of their associates who are now being hotly pursued by officers. Sentence will be passed on the criminals to-morrow.

Two Boys Drowned.

MITCHELL, Dak., Nov. 24.—Yesterday afternoon Paul and Eddie, sons of William Reed, aged respectively sixteen and eleven years, fell through the thin ice on the Jim River and were drowned. Their father came from Chicago a year ago.

CONDENSED NEWS.

- ROSES are blooming in Oregon.
- THE rebels have re-occupied Berber.
- GRIER Bros., commission merchants, St. Louis, failed.
- THE French farmers have asked the Government to tax corn five francs per quintal.
- THERE is a frightful epidemic of black small-pox at the villages of Tweed and Haco, Ontario.
- A MAN at Clayton, Georgia, who does not believe in religion, broke up a revival by starting a forest fire.
- FAILURE of Jas. Campbell & Sons, wholesale stationers, Toronto, shows liabilities of \$363,30; assets \$265,221.
- THE rumor comes from London that the Baltimore & Ohio Company are about to lease the Ohio & Mississippi Railroad.
- THE Plenary Council, it is stated, will take no action upon the appeal of Archbishop Purcell's creditors touching the adjustment of the debt.
- PRESIDENT-ELECT CLEVELAND and party have engaged quarters at the Arlington in Washington, from the 27th of February to the 4th of March.
- SECRETARY CHANDLER says the fourth auditor overstepped the functions of his office when, in his annual report, he set himself up as a critic of the Navy Department.
- ALL appeals from the Commissioner of Patents to the Secretary of the Interior have

been dismissed by Secretary Teller in accordance with the decision of the Supreme Court.

MR. RANDALL has called a meeting of the House Appropriation Committee. The two important appropriation bills to be considered are those for the navy and fortifications.

By the premature explosion of a quantity of Atlas powder, while blasting a passage for water pipes at Worcester, Massachusetts, the whole top of Matthew Hara's head was blown away.

A DEPUTATION of New York insurance men waited upon Governor Cleveland and presented him with a set of engrossed resolutions recounting their appreciation of the President-elect.

TRANSCRIPTS have been prepared of the defalcation of Captain Howgate, defaulting ex-Chief of the Signal Office, for bringing suit against his bondsmen, Messrs. Moses and Rogers, whose bonds are \$12,000 each. The defalcation amounts to \$101,000.

THE Cattle Growers in Convention at St. Louis appointed a committee to confer with railroads and ask for living rates. A resolution stated that if they could not get such rates, the Association has \$300,000,000 of its own, with which it can construct a line of its own between the East and West.

THE Essex (New Jersey) County Democracy have adopted resolutions declaring that General George B. McClellan was a Democrat twenty years ago, when it was a personal sacrifice to be a Democrat, and "therefore, resolved, that it is the sense of this meeting that General George B. McClellan be recommended for the position of Secretary of War."

At the celebration of the reunion of two young couples, at Halsey Valley, New York, who had separated after a quarrel, a cannon was shot three times. When loaded for the fourth explosion, the powder ignited and a premature explosion followed. Ellsworth Kirk was blown to pieces. George Hess had both eyes blown out; Henry Elyls both legs burned to a crisp, and three others were badly wounded.

THE New York World (Dem.) prints a Washington special, saying three is the best authority for the statement that Governor Cleveland will strictly observe civil service reform; that "while he will overhaul the departments and put Democrats in the leading responsible positions, he is not in sympathy with the spoils system, and the 'small fry' need not worry about their places."

POSTMASTER GENERAL HATTON, in reply to the charge that the employees of the New York Postoffice—several thousand in number—did not have an opportunity to vote, says, while they were not given a holiday on election day, his deputy's instructions to Postmaster Pearson was to the effect that he "give the employes an opportunity to exercise their right of suffrage."

M. C. EATON, a dude politician of Newark, New Jersey, has been sued by William Shurtz, of the same place, for services as private secretary to him during the Chicago Democratic Convention, at which place the plaintiff declares Eaton passed as an influential politician, carried an Associated Press reporter named Orange Stevens with him so as to get his name in the reports, and contracted sundry other bills, none of which he has paid. After the convention he took his companions on a trip to Yellow Stone Park, to which place he seduced the reporter to get passes for the trio, and on the return stranded the reporter in Chicago. To wind up with, when the reporter finally reached home (in the East) yesterday Eaton had him thrown in jail for "obtaining money under false pretenses," despite the reporter's protest. Eaton is thirty years old, possessed of considerable means and is said to pose as an "influential politician."

America Ahead.—Peculiar Characteristics of Americans—The Evils and How Restored.

In this age of bustle and hurry, an age devoted to great projects and enterprises, the American people are taking the lead in the furtherance of noble works, and in the advancement of the sciences and arts. In these they deserve to take a high rank, and through the united works of millions, the American continent is fast being transformed from its untamed state and being placed on an equality with the older continents beyond the ocean. The American people are fast, under these influences, developing into a nervous, energetic race, remarkable for its vim and business qualifications; yet there is danger that in the course of years these very elements may combine to the ruin of the physical character of the people, and leave them feeble and altogether different from their forefathers. General debility is now much more common than formerly, and seems to be on the increase among the masses. Many remedies have been extensively advertised for this wide-spread complaint, but none of these have been so successful or met with such general favor as the remedy manufactured by Dr. S. B. Hartman, and named by him PERUNA.

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