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PERSONS LEAVING THE CITY DURING THE SUMMER MONTHS, CAN HAVE THE EVENING TRLEGRAPH MAILED TO THRIR ADDRESS. TERMS, 75 CENTS PER MONTH.

Texas as an Example.

THE utterly illogical and contradictory position held by the conservatives is seen whenever they attempt to discuss the status of any of the States lately in rebellion. For instance, we find in our Democratic contemporary the tollowing:-

"Texas has now gone through all the forms prescribed by the law and the authorities, and complied with each and every condition imposed to enable her to resume the control of her own offairs. A constitution has been formed and adopted, elections have been held in all parts of the State, and on the 9th instant the Legislature met for the purpose of inaugurating the Governor and putting the machinery of the new Gooernment in full and complete motion. That being done, all the States will have resumed their old places under the Constitution, and the last obstacle be removed to the official promulgation of the fact, that the proclamations of 1861 are all revoked, and the state of rebellion, as well as the Rebellion itself, is at an end as to all the

What "forms prescribed by law," we would like to know, has Texas gone through with? Point them out. We know of no "laws" except those passed by the law-making power of the Government.

What "conditions imposed" has she complied with? And how, according to the conservative theory, can "conditions" be "imposed" upon a State to enable her to control her own affairs?

"A constitution has been formed." Who authorized the framing of a constitution for this State "in the Union," as the conservatives call it? Under what laws was the Convention assembled? What competent authority prescribed the terms and conditions of membership? How much had the people of Texas to do with all this?

"The machinery of the new Government"how came Texas to need a new government? Who overthrew the old government? According to the conservative theory, she has been a State in the Union all the time, and lost none of her rights by the Rebellion. What usurping and revolutionizing power, therefore, has been at work in her midst, overturowing her government and replacing it with something else! How does conservatism explain this?

"That being done, all the States will have resumed their o a places under the Constitution.' It seems, then, that by some means they tost their old places in the Union. But the conservative theory is that they did not and could not. The conservative theory, then, is a false one.

Texas is a hard nut for our conservatives to crack. According to them, she has been in the Union all the time, and entitled to representation in Congress; and yet, for the last year and more, she has had no Governor, no Legislature, no Government. She was entitled to two Senators, but there was no Legislature to elect them. She was entitled to Congressmen, but there were no laws under which to hold elections, or officers to give certificates. She has been a State in the Union all the time, entitled to all the rights and privileges of a State, and yet the President is endorsed in overthrowing her government, deposing her officers, abolishing her laws, creating a new government for her, an 1 imposing "conditions," before even now she can "resume her old position under the Constitution!" According to conservatism, therefore, there is only one supreme power in a State, and that is the President of the United States! He can depose governors, disperse legislators, unseat judges, disregard State Constitutions and laws, call conventions, prescribe the qualifications of electors, impose conditions, insist upon the ratification of Constitutional Amendments, and do anything and everything according to his own will and pleasure. This is all right. It is only when the people of the United States step in, and through their representatives-the consti tutional law-making power of the nation-endeavor to have some say in this great business of reconstruction, that the Constitution is violated and State rights imperilled!

Now the distinguishing feature of our Government is that it is a government of law. Whatever is done must be done according to law. The President is the executive. He cannot make law. He cannot legally create an office. He can only act according to the terms of the laws as he finds them on the statute-book. If, therefore, such a great work as that of reconstruction is to be done: if States have lost their "fold places" under the Constitution, and are to be restored; if "conditions" are to be imposed before they can "resume the control of their own affairs,"-all this must be done according to law. The moment we step outside of law we have opened the door wide to usurpations without limit. Hence it is that the position of the conservative party, when closely analyzed, with its blatant avowal of extreme State rights on the one hand, and its service endorsement of the complete overthrow of State organism, on the other, is one of the most dangerous and revolutionary attitudes ever assumed by any party in this country. It involves the degradation of the law-making power of the nation, and its destruction as an independent co-ordinate branch of the Government.

Tuz Age this morning, with an attempt at sarcasm, remarks:-

"We understand that General B. F. BUTLER has been elected a detegate from New Orleans to JACK HAMILTON'S Convention, which is to meet in this city on the 3d of September."

-There is more truth than fiction in such a proposition. After the experience of the last few weeks at New Orleans, we do not doubt but that the selection of General B. F. BUTLER would be the very one in which the true Unionists would most heartily concur. How many times they have prayed to God for the presence of BUTLER, the Almignty only can tell. But one thing is sure, that had he been there forty murders would not have been consummated in broad daylight, and with a diabolism only paralleled in the French Revolution.

A Wild and Fanatical Doctrine.

THE doctrine of State rights was never run to such extreme and absurd lengths by any other class of men as by our conservatives. In their anxiety to get some basis for their claim of the right of immediate and unconditional representation in Congress for the late Rebel States, they lay down doctrines which are the most revolutionary and anarcaical that ever have been advanced in our country. The idea that by no possibility can the people of a State lose their right to representation; that they may secede. as the Rebel States did, and in their organized capacity make war upon the nation, and at the same time be entitled to have representatives sitting in the councils of the very Government they are endeavoring to everthrow, thus at the same time committing all the crimes of traitors an i enjoying all the rights of citizens, is so absurd that we could not have believed it possible for any man or set of men to adopt it. Yet in the letter of Hon. THOMAS EWING, of Obio, to Secretary Browning, we find this very doctrine elaborated and delended. He boldly maintains, that during the whole Rebellion the Rebel States were entitled to representation in Congress. The doctrines adopted by the Wigwam Convention lead to the same result. A State may carry on war against the United States, and at the same time send Representatives and Senators to control its legislation, squander its resources, or turn all its powers against itself. According to this theory, the Rebei States, during our late struggle, might have sent up sufficient members, so that with the help of Northern Copperheads, they could have disbanded our army and secured the triumph of the South. They might have voted at the Presidential election in 1864, and with the help of one or two Northern States might, perhaps, have elected JEFF, DAVIS President.

To these absurd results does the Conservative theory lead. It is not logically as respectable as the secession doctrine was, for that went upon the principle that a man could not claim to be a Confederate citizen and United States citizen at the same time. When a Rebel State voluntarily seceded, and went to war, it did not have the impudent hardihood to maintain that it still had the right of representation in the very Government it was endeavoring to destroy. Such an absurdity was reserved for the advoeacy of our Wigwam polt iclans and philosophers.

The Southern States very well understood that when in their organized capacity they seconded from the Union, formed a new confederacy, and went to war against the United States, they voluntarily abandoned all their rights and privileges in the old Government. They had embarged upon the stormy sea of revolution, and they knew very well that they had staked their all upon it. The supremely absurd idea that, if they should tail, they could at once step back into their old places in the Union, had not occurred to them. It never did occur to them until Northern demagogues anxious to use the political power of the South for partisan purposes put it into their beads. They very well understood that they could never resume their position in the Union again without conforming to the results of the war. They would have some so ere this, had they not been deluded and misled by the very same class of men who before the warso wofully deceived them in regard to Northern sentiment

This idea that States can jump out of the Union and into it again at pleasure: that they can make war against the Union and yet preserve all the rights and privileges of States in the Union; that they can be traitors and remain good citizens; that Rebellion don't divest those who participate in it of any of their rights; that in all matters of national concern there is no difference between loyal States and distoyal ones, is one that the common sense of the people spurns. It may be dressed up and tricked out, and called Union, and peace, and all that, but the people will see in it nothing but the fanaticism of State rights run mad.

A Test Case.

THE military Government of Texas is withdrawn by proclamation of the President. We could ask no more complete refutation of the conservative doctrines in regard to the States lately in rebellion than is furnished by this instance. Not a single principle which they call vital but what has been completely trampled under foot m the reconstruction of this State. We would ask thoughtful men to go back over the successive steps by which the original State Government of Texas was overthrown by the President; a military Government put in its place: a convention finally called to create a new State Government; this new Government at last set up, and the military Government withdrawn-and see how far he can reconcile all these acts with the absurd and monstrous doctrine that the late Rebei States have been all the time in the Union. lost none of their rights by the Rebellion, and are entitled, therefore, to immediate and unconditional representation in Congress?

The Testimony of General Lec. In our paper to-day will be found the testimony of General Alfred L. Lee, of Kansas, in regard to the New Orleans massacre, of which ne was an eye-witness. General Lee was one of our bravest cavalry officers during the war, and held the office of Judge of the Second Judicial Circuit in Kansas at the commencement of the Rebellien. He is a man of high character, and his testimony can be relied on as correct.

A DELEGATE IN TROUBLE, -CUTHBERT BULLITT, United States Marshal of Louisiana, who headed one of the delegations from that State in the Wigwam Convention, is said to be implicated in cotton frauds in New Orleans, by which the Government was defrauded out of a large sum

A House Saved by a Domestic Fire Engine.

The foliowing, from an English paper, conveys a useful hint to housekeepers:—
"A fire breke out in a bed-room at Cassiobury, the scat of Lord Essex, on Thursday night but was soon extinguished by a process which is worth calling attention to. Lord Essex keeps on each floor of his have a small engage on wheels, always ing attention to. Lord E-sex keeps on each floor of his house a small engine on wheels, always charged and in good order. In this case, he says:—
In two minutes I was in the room with one of them. It was like a fureace. The curtains, shutters, casements, and cornices of both windows were burning and cracking from floor to celling. I was quite alone at the moment, yet before assistance arrived the servants having gone to bed; I had alone at the moment, yet before a sustance arrived (most of the servants having sone to bed) I had completely subdued the fire of one window without exhausting the engine, and when assistance and more water did arrive we very soon extinguished the other. So fierce was the fire that the lead of the casements was melfed, and the casements themselves were burned off their hingos. I will only add that, by God's morey, the house was saved by this small engine. Had it not been at hand and in order, most assuredly Cassiobury would be now a heap of rules. a suredly Cassiobury would be now a heap of ruins.
The engine, even when full, runs so light on the goor that any woman might draw it and work it."

AT THE SEA-SIDE.

"The Season" at Atlantic City Winding Up with a Flourish-People Get Frightened at the Rain, and Leave - The "Hop" at the Surf House on Saturday Evening-A Grand Blow-Out by the Elements Yesterday-A Bath that Was a Bath.

[EVENING TELEGRAPH SPECIAL CORRESPONDENCE.] SUBP HOUSE, ATLASTIC CITY, N. J., August 20, 1886.

The two weeks that have elapsed since the date of my last letter from this point have not been without their effects upon the village by the sea. Almost every sojourner has become posse-sed with the idea that the "season" is fast approaching its end, and hundreds have already carried this notion to an extreme point by bundling up their baggare and betaking themselves to their city homes. The cold, rainy spell of weather which plunged the Wigwam people into such tribulation during the early part of last week, was equally unfortunate for Atlantic City and all the other fashionable watering places. People were sorely frightened by n, and acting upon the impulse of terror sione, they resolved to encounter the ridicule of being "at home" in the second week of August.

To all such I can only say that they have committed an unfortunate mistake. The richest treat of a sojourn by the sea is yet in store for those who have the fortitude to seek it. The ocean, grand in its im, mensity at all times, is majestic whon its waters are lashed into fury by a storm; and a dio in its oreakers on a caim quiet day is nothing-absolutely nothing-when compared with the rough-and-tuin-

A Sad Mistake.

ble sport of a wrestle with the waves, the wind, and the rain. Yesterday afternoon, aibert if was Sunday, a party of a dozen gentlemen reso ved to put this theory to the test. When the news of this daring adventure was noised about the Suri House, the ladies, supported by those tituld masculmes who were afraid to encounter so many pents of the deep, gathered about on the porches of the hotel to witness the affair from aiar. At5 o'clock their curiosity was gretified.

"The Toilers of the Sea." or "Les Travailleurs de la Mer." as Victor Hugo puts it, at that hour started out in single file for the beach. They had donned the fantastic bathing costume in their rooms; and as they, thus attired marched down the gravelled wask and then plunged into the shitting sands, they presented much of the aspect of a gang of wreckers bound upon an errand

King Zoius holds a Loose Rein. During toe atternoon the wine had been blowing a gule from the sea. Doors and shuctors were banged about with recklessness; chairs were picked up bonny and whirled through the air mee bits of paper; bats, and bawis and sundowners parter company with their owners, to join in this dance of the Furies. It seemed in truth as if Molus, King or Winds, had given loose reins to all his turnu ent su lost while fierce Goreas and mild Zephyr jomed in a macchase. To this masquerade of the elements (ae rain and the hall lent the r aid. Iaken altogether, it was a beisterous and, seemingly, an unpropinous day

whereon to tempt the ocean. Les travailleurs toned on, notwithstanding; they zigzagged through the sand, they closed their mouths to catch their breath, they bent their heads to the wind, they shie ded their taces from the hail with their hands. Then they slood upon the brink of the waters and sh vered at the prospect. "Is it not fool-hardy?" was the question that passed around. For apparently there were no continuous breakers; the whole surface of the ocean was one seething, gurgling sheet of foam.

Les travailleurs stood in the drenching runtand on the peiting hall, and shivered-what mortal would not have solvered? - at the prospect. But there was no time for pariey; lorward or backward-these were the two and the only alternatives. Les travailleurs went torward and plunged, doubtingly, into the surf.

An Apostrophe to Fishes. And then, oh! ye fishes, ereat and small! -ye crabs and whales!-ye monaters, sleek and slimy, who sport and revel from oirth to death in this let! Are not ye in very truth, the gods and god-

tempestuous ocean!-how we envied your happy gesses of this lower sphere? What creatures who by nature and habit, are forced to drag out a miserable existence on dry laud, ever gream of such a high carniva: of joy as gladdens your daily life? "The Bath of the Season."

A great many line flourishes have been wasted over "the hen of the season." Why is it that no one has discovered that there is within the range of possibility such a thing as "the bath of the season?" The necessary accompaniments are wind, and rain, and hail. Les travailleurs had all these in great abundance, and the result was that they were led to envy the lot of the fishes-a thing surely that was never heard of in history or story before. Half an hour ater, as they galloped back to the hotel, they felt as if they had received a new lease of life, only they were a little weak in the knees, and a few cold chills crept down their backs. For such bodily silments here is an efficient remedy. It was applied with nstant and satisfactory results. Among the other events which have added to the

attractions of Atlantic City during the past fow days was

The Hop at at the Surf House on Satur-day Evening.

Every body present was disappointed. Owing to the numerous departures during the past week, a slim attendance, and a slow time generally, were confidently predicted in certain incredulous quarters. But the large dining saloon was filled with a select and jubilant company, in which every establishment of repute on the island was well represented. Herr Herrmann, and his companions of the "Satierlee Band," were in their best mood, and gave forth musical strains which would bear no mark or criticism. As they return to Philadelphia in a week, to inaugurate the fall and winter campaign in the city, they doubtless selt it incumbent upon them to outtiddle and out-bugle any of their previous efforts. And this they did.

The dancing was entered into with a rival intent to outtrip Ter, sichore-successfully, of course, the inpreis of the goddess lost much of their greenness. as the nimble feet of certain young ladies-whom I could mention, but will not, for their modesty's sake-whirled untiringly through waltz and gatep and lancers, from eight o'clock till nearly midnight. It was the last nop of the season, and they too could not forbear to take the utmost advantage or such an opportunity.

A Quiet Sabbath was the necessary sequence to the exhaustion of Saturday night. The "hail bath" was the only unusua: episode. All the churches were well filled This was especially the case at the Catholic Mission Chapel, to which large numbers resorted for the sake of the music rather than the sermon. The excroises were under the direction or Professor Jean Louis, of Philadelphia, who has been indefatigable in his efforts in this ane. Concone's Mass, the "Sanctus" from Mozart's Twelith Mass, and the "Inflammatus." from Rossivi's Stabat Mater-this last by Mrs. Zurn, of Phi adelphia-were rendered in

finished style. "The Season" Winding Up. Despite the fact that the best and most invigorating bathing of the whole year is to be had in the month of September, there has been such a clearing out at the principal botels, that most of them will soon close their doors on the retreating public. For the benefit of suck as wish to enjoy to the fullest and latest extent the sea-breeze

ard the sea-bath, the Surt Rouse this year will break over the antiquated customs which prevail at all the watering places, by remaining open until the first of October. Mine host Caleb, and Mr. D. B. Hilt, his cashier, have lost not a particle of their good nature and accommodating spirit, although they do look a little wearied now and then from the incessant labors of the past few months. lo all who are disposed to put a c max upon their summer's recreation by a late sojourn at the seaside, they will tender as hearty a reception as of old. OMIRRON.

OUR BALTIMORE LETTER.

The "Series" Editor -- The Baltimore Postmaster-The Political Prospect in Maryland-The New Conservative Party in the Ascendant, Etc. BALTIMORE, August 19, 1868,

It is always refreshing to read the pictorial and unny column of Saturday's Evening Telegraph. have just amused myself by looking over yesterday's |edition. Keep your 'phunay" m n going ; he does good service By-the-way, and I say it honestry, THE EVENING TELEGRAPH s by far the best atternoon journal published in the United states. It is interestingly fresh and readable on every page am not surprised, therefore, to learn of its extensive circulation and great success. The enterprise and energy it displayed in reporting and publishing the proceedings of the Conservative National Convention, could not tail of attracting plaudies on all

Our new Postmaster, General Edward Shriver, entered upon the duties of his office on wedn sary last. He, or course, is a strong supporter of the policy of President Johnson, but a "ounder Union man does not have in Maryland. He was formerly a Democrae, but voted for Ar Lincoln, and main-tained his policy. He is safe in every respect, and will make an efficient officer. We trusted him in tire of war, and can trust him in peace. There is a mavy pressure or subordinate offices in his de-partment, but I learn as contempates very few As a general thing, the proceedings of the late

Perade phia Natio al Convention are well thought or here. Some Democrats and many Southern sympa-thizers—especially those who wished success to the Retellion—do not exactly a warlow Mr. anymond's nod'rss. It, however, the Democratic party con-tinues in organization, and attempts to caim the work and advantages of the conservative movement that in appropried in your city. thus inaugurated in your city, to its special benedit the whole thing will sink, as it should, into con temptible nothingness.
The political contest in this city and State will be

a fierce ove. Already the excitement is us to high-water mark. There seems scarcely a coubt that what is termed the Johnson party, or conservative wing, will be successful here and throughout Maryland this fall. I make this amount ment, not as a partisan, but because the force of circu satures. funy indicate it. It is proper, therefore, you should be posted. hearly be entire voting population of the State will be real tered by the time the elections take place. It is folly to dispulse the truth.

Quite a number of the Southern deligates re-turned from the Convention are still in our city. They find many sympathizers, and are warmly reerved by those a no once ardently desired the su bere is or ething certain, that, unless newspaper

coltors and others ecase communition and recommina-tion, and the application of senseless, decisive epi-thers towards or zens of the North and soully, thus engencering hatred and bad teeling, conservatism and the work of the great Philadelphia Convention will be of no avail. Those who saved the country, crushed out treason, and are at pres at in power will continue to be misters. It must be into known by the Southern chivalry that those who who ped hem are not mean Yankers and contemptible mud-Furely repentant Rebels, returning like the Producal Son, ought to be taken by the band. The mistake

now is in attempting to restore or rains a c the old southern politicians who are provid arrogant, and unrepensant, instead of laying them said and taking up fresh honest, patriotic men, whose toyalty is in questionable. Better have mechanics and honest, common sense days a overs in Congress and State Legislatures and Executive offices, than these old worn ou , played out, remactory Southern poli-menns who brought the nation into difficulty. Such men can easily be found it desired. Holmony Street Theatre, after extensive renova-tion, opens again on Monday, under the management of John I. Ford.

Our city continues healthy. No cholera

POLAR ICE AND THE GULF STREAM, -M. GIAd. in a letter read before the French Academy on the Polar Ice and the Gulf Stream, expressed the opinion that the stream keeps up its ideuhty as far as the north of Siberia, and only los itself in the Polar Basin. He contended that is by no means always occupied with ce, and that as the waters of the Gulf Stream keep themselves open in the spaces of the glacal seas which they traverse, it is in the prolongation of that current between the Spitzbergen Group and Nova Zembla that we ought to look out for the easiest route by which to arrive at the Arctic geographical Pole.

THE IMPERIAL LIBRARY IN PARIS .- New reguations have been adopted at the Imperial Library in Paris to check the extensive system of thieving and laceration of volumes carried on there. A man died recently in one of the outskirts of Paris, and nineteen books belonging to the library were found in his possession. During last December fifty volumes are known to have been stolen from the library, and how many more cannot be discovered vet. Volumes four times stolen have been four times purchased and placed in the library, and, after all, have been stolen again.

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