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The Second Anniversary of Lincoln's

THE second anniversary of the death of Abra ham Lincoln finds the great struggle in which he was slain still unfinished. The same fell spirit which compassed the death of that great and good man still vexes the nation. The great principles of the Declaration of Independence, which, on the steps of Independence Hall, he avowed his willingness to die for, have not yet fully triumphed over all our land. Still, in the two eventful years that have passed since Mr. Lincoln's death, wonderful progress has been made. The whole nation has been rapidly educated up to a standpoint which it did not then occupy. The prospect of final and glorious triumph is brighter than ever before. The day when equal civil and political rights shall be enjoyed all over our land has already dawned.

The character of Abraham Lincoln grows grander and nobler as we drift farther and farther away from the times in which he lived. We already begin to behold him through the perspective of history. We do not yet see the picture as posterity will see it, but we can already anticipate the verdict of coming years. That verdict will assign Abraham Lincoln to a place among the great benefactors and liberators of the human race.

Shall Agitation be Prolonged?

In a mere partisan point of view we should have no cause to regret the action of the Supreme Court, should it decide to grant the application of Messrs. Sharkey and Walker for an injunction restraining the execution of the Reconstruction law lately passed by Congress. Such a decision would merely remand the whole question once more to the arena of popular discussion, would make it the prominent issue in the Presidential election of 1868, and would prevent the Rebel States from participating in that election. It would render a Republican triumph in 1868 a moral certainty, and would probably result in the end in a reconstruction of the South upon the basis not only of impartial suffrage, but also of universal education, and such a measure of cenfiscation as would pay a good part of the expenses of our late war out of the enormous landed estates of the late Rebels.

But for the sake of the South itself, and of the immediate business interests of the whole country, it is far preferable that the Reconstruction act should be honestly and thoroughly carried out. There is no disguising the fact that there is on the part of the Southern people generally a greater disposition to fall in with the present plan of reconstruction than they have heretofore manifested towards any similar measure proposed by Congress. They acknowledge that they regard some of its measures as harsh, but they prefer to at once settle the matter rather than to any longer wrangle over terms. Under this law the States will soon be restored to the Union. Their status will then be fixed. Moreover, this law does tend to harmonize Southern society. By putting all the people upon a plane of political equality, it is made the mutual interest of all to enlivate harmony and a respect for each other's rights. It is impossible to read such speeches as those recently made by Wade Hampton and Governor Orr, without the conviction of the essentially conservative, harmonizing, and peaceful tendencies of the Congressional plan of reconstruction. It is a measure of peace and not of war. It is a blessing and not a curse.

If the Reconstruction law is faithfully carried out, the great work of restoration will soon be fully completed. The States will all be back in the Union. Harmony and order will prevail at the South. No ugly questions, growing out of unjust distinctions based upon race and color, will be left to crop out into future dissensions, agitations, and possible rebellions. Confidence will be restored, and capital will send its fertilizing streams all over the South to fructify and gladden its now waste and desolate places. More than all this, the great political struggle over the fundamental principles of free government, which has agitated and divided the whole country for the last thirty years, will at last have come to an end, and we can all turn our attention to less exciting themes. Questions of trade and finance, of commerce and internal improvement, of education and social morality, will then become the domain of our politics. Sectional divisions will cease, and even the memory of our past estrangements will speedily pass away.

These, it seems to us, are practical considerations which must force themselves upon the minds of thinking men of all parties. Is anything to be gained by prolonging this bitter and exasperating contest? Let the Supreme Court ponder this question well before giving its decision.

Crop Prospects in Georgia.

REPORTS from Georgia represent farmingioperations there as being carried on with great vigor. Corn is already up and looking fine. A good crop is anticipated. A greater quantity of land is being devoted to grain this year | institutions of repeating each other.

than there was last. Cotton planting is going on lively. The planters this year are employing guano and other manures, and are resorting to labor-saving implements to a considerable extent. The negro women have mostly abandoned fieldwork, and are engaged as house-

America Pleading for Maximilian. THE correspondence between the Austrian Minister and the Secretary of State, which was sent into the Senate on Saturday, places the United States in an entirely new attitude in regard to the would-be monarch of Mexico. The Count Wydenbruck writes that "his gracious Majesty has been informed that his brother" is likely to be captured, and urges the Secretary of State to use his influence to secure "respect for the person of my Emperor's brother." The title of Emperor is not affixed to the ill-starred Archduke of Austria. It is granted that the cause is lost, and the interposition of a hostile Government is requested to save his life. The attitude of national powers has greatly changed within the last few years. It is not five years since the same Maximilian whose life is now in jeopardy, entered Mexico in opposition to the earnest protest of the United States. The United* States was then considered a fifth-rate power. divided irrevocably into two hostile nationalities. Napoleon was then omnipotent. Austria led all Germany, and England and Spain were united in aid of the invasion of Mexico, To-day the United States is supreme on this continent, so far as moral and, if needs be, physical supremacy is concerned. Instead of being divided. and sinking into insignificance, its power has increased and its territory been enlarged. The new Empire of Mexico has been deserted by all its sponsors, and it is now tottering to its fall, and its so-called sovereign has to be saved by the United States from a traitor's grave. France is menaced by Prussia, without daring to resent the insult, and has lost two-thirds of its prestige. Austria has had her power broken, and is now a third-rate nation, while war is threatened between England and France. It would seem, indeed, that the wheel of fortune is forever revolving, and that the first shall be last and the last first. All our people will approve of the prompt action of Mr. Seward in despatching a special agent to interpose in behalf of the Prince. Should his life be sacrificed, it would cause sincere regret throughout all the world. He was deluded and seduced by the bauble of a crown, and its loss and his disgraceful failure are punishment enough for his invasion of the "Monroe doctrine." We earnestly hope that no ill will befall him on this continent, and that, once more with his Hapsburg relatives, he can talk over the mutability of human affairs in the palace at Vienna.

The Reform Question and the British Ministry.

On the motion of Mr. Gladstone, on Friday night, to fix the rating of suffrage at five pounds, the Liberals were defeated by twentyone majority in opposition to the amendment. When it is remembered that the House of Commons is composed of six hundred and fifty-eight members, the strength of the Russell-Gladstone party can be realized. The repulse was due to the desertion of a number of the Liberals, who would not agree with the majority of the caucus, and who now hold the balance of power. The result of the vote does not surprise us, as the despatch received a few days since in regard to defections in the ranks of the opposition must have prepared every one for the announcement of the defeat. We do not see, however, from the result of the vote, that the Derby administration is securely seated in power. While the bolting Liberals could not unite with their fellows in every plan, yet they will not unite with the Administration when it comes to a vote on the passage of Disraeli bill. When the test vote on that measure is reached, we will probably find the deserters once more in the ranks'; so that, while Disraeli may have the satisfaction of defeating Gladstone's bill. Gladstone is not unwilling to see Disraeli alse placed among the ex-officers of the Crown. We await the final issue with deep interest, and great uncertainty as to the result.

THE SOUTHERN FAMINE FUND. - Reports from the South indicate that the famine is increasing. It may not be in the power of many people to contribute directly to the fund now being raised to assist the starving people of the South, but nearly all can help in this good work by purchasing tickets for the grand concert to be given on Wednesday evening at the Academy of Music. Let every one do this, and the fund will be measurably increased. M'me Parepa, Brignoli, Rosa, Birgfeld, and the whole Opera Troupe will appear in a very attractive programme.

-The report of Professor Agassiz, director of the Museum of Comparative Zoology at Cambridge, for the past year, has been laid before the Massachusetts Legislature. The principal work of the year was the reception and arrangement of the immense collections made in Brazil by Professor Agassiz, yet there are still about sixty kegs and cases not unpacked. In the class of fishes no less than fifty thousand specimens were actually counted, representing over two thousand twe hundred species, two thousander which are probably new to science. The various departments of the Institution have not been suffered to languish, however, and considerable additions and exchanges were effected. As it was deemed best to begin the Museumin a small building, and enlarge as its wants increased, the present building has become full to overflowing. The collection of reptiles is probably the largest in the country. and may compare favorably with those of the Old World. That of fishes exceeds anything now existing, exceeding those of the British Museum and Jardindes Plantes taken together. The number of species of this class of verte-brates is more than nine thousand. No museum is richer in its collection of radiates. Certain branches of natural history have been fostered to the neglect of others, in order to fill wants not supplied by other museums, and to avoid the mistake often made by such

DISTRESSING SUICIDE

A Cousin of General Joseph Hooker Dies from the Effects of Poison Administrated by Herself-The Inquest by the Coroner.

From the Chicago Republican, 13th. Yesterday afternoon an inquest was held before Deputy Coroner Gustav Fisher, upon the body of Jane M. Mitchell, a woman of about 33 years of age, who died in the morning, at No. 130 Blue Island avenue, from the effects of poison administered by her own hand. From the testimony elicited before the jury, it appears that the de-ceased was born in Warren county, Ohio. She was married at Keckuk, about sixteen years ago, to James W. Mitchell, with whom she resided at Keokuk for twelve years. In 1862 the ill-fated woman accompanied her husband to Pike's Peak, where they lived for about two years. About this time, it is alleged, the husband deserted his wife, leaving her to struggle through the world unaided and alone. She immediately left Pike's Peak and returned to her friends in Ohio. In the month of September, 1865, the deceased came to Chicago, and, until the month of February of the present year, resided in the family of Mr. James K. Martin, a pork packer, living on the Archer road. She then removed to the house of Mr. Leonard, No. 130 Blue Island avenue, and with him she remained until her death. On Monday last she was taken sick, when the medical services of Dr. Higgins were called to her relief. Dr. Higgins treated her two days without learning the cause of the woman's disease; and then the idea appears to have struck him, for the first time, that she had taken posson. He charged her with the act, and, after some little hesitation, she confessed that she had swallowed a quantity of arsenic two days before. The usual remedies under the circumstances were administered, but without avail, and the rash woman died yesterday morning about 5 o'clock. The jury returned as their verdict that deceased came to her death from the effects of poison administered by herself. Under the impression that there is no State law prohibiting the indiscriminate sale of poisons, the jury recommended the passage of an ordinance by the City Council prohibiting such sale. The deceased appears to have suffered from a settled melancholy ever since her desertion by her husband This feeling is supposed to have been the reason of her determination to terminate her existence. Some time ago Mrs. Martin took a quantity of arsenic from her trunk, and from that time Mrs. Mitchell seems to have steadily determined to die. Previous to her death, she told her medical attendant that when she purchased the poison she was suspicious that it was not arsenic, and she accordingly repaired to another drug store, and asked the keeper if it was the genuine article. He convinced her that it was, and then she returned to her home and swallowed it. The deceased was a woman who was highly spoken of by all who knew her; she was quiet and ladylike in her demeanor, and had many friends. She has two sisters, now living in Iowa, and had three brothers in the army. She claimed to be the cousin of the wife of General Joseph Hooker, and as such was always recognized by her

-Miss Emmeline Lott, who made a sensation a year or two since by a coarse book on Harem Life in the East, has followed it up with a trashy work entitled "Nights in the Harem," of which she knows about as much as of mornings at Windsor or afternoons at the Tuileries. The subject-matter is not what the reader might infer from the title, the whole affair being merely a collection of dreary stories, which are as pretentious in point of language as they are dull in fact.

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