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EDITORIAL OPINIONS OF THE LEADING JOURNALS UPON CURRENT TOPICS—COMPILED EVERY DAY FOR THE EVENING TELEGRAPH.

The Radicals Working their own Ruin.

Wendell Phillips wants to put a nigger on the Presidential ticket with General Grant. This is the latest limit of radical movement—the most advanced position of the most advanced man—and shows like a beacon the tendency and direction of revolutionary thought moving onward wave by wave.

The only thing that is impossible for a revolution to stop, incessantly and inexorably to go forward, working out its fate, is the law of its life. Attempts to stay revolution at any point short of its ultimate end only expose those who make them to be crushed under the onward-moving wheels.

It is with supreme reference to these ideas that the efforts of thoughtful men, in all Presidential discussions and combinations, should be directed. The country needs at the helm the coming four years, more than at any previous period, its wisest, purest, and least partisan man; the one who can harmonize and combine, in the largest degree, the elements of the two great parties which are now, for the first time, working out in essentially the same way their own destiny and ruin.

Democracy—New vs. Old. The World sums up a sweeping argument against what we call protection to home industry as follows:—The industries which produce commodities for exportation deserve as much encouragement (and in honor) as those which produce commodities for domestic use.

Reconstruction of Politics.

The Independent is already breaking ground on the question of "the next Presidency." It avoids the advocacy of any individual, though it squirts strongly towards Ben. Wade, whom it styles "one of the grandest of our public men."

The question of the Presidency is one that it is well to consider betimes. Open discussion is the best means of squelching the plots of the coteries of schemers that are about every man whose name may, by any possibility, turn up in connection with the Presidency, and who have their own little ventures in his elevation.

But to this end a man must be at the helm who can shape a policy, who has a heart in sympathy with the liberal humanity of this generation, and a mind comprehensive enough

to take in all the peculiar circumstances relating to the different sections of the country, which will make the work of administration so complicated for the next four years. We want no narrow bigot of the school of Wade or Sumner—if the coming man is to be a Republican—and no hard-shelled, machine fossil of the Connecticut Seymour-Clymer-Vallandigham sort, if he is to be a Democrat.

There must be a union of the patriotic, moderate elements in both parties. Such a union everybody knows has been possible and imminent two or three times in the last three years; but in every case has been defeated not on its merits, but through the pig-headed obstinacy of a few machine managers on one side or the other.

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The Imperial Prisoners of the Mexican Liberals. The cable news informs us that there is the greatest excitement in Europe about the fate of Maximilian. It is very much feared that he has gone to look after the filibusters who have preceded him; but we feel quite certain that he is now a prisoner in the hands of the Republicans.

The probability is that his life will be spared—not so much in justice as in policy; for if justice were meted out to the barbarous decrees of Maximilian, which disgrace the civilization of this century, would, in a trial,

make into cider which sold for \$1 per barrel—just about the cost of picking and making—whereas, they can now be sold from the orchard for ten times their value while Europe made our cloth and wares. So, measurably, of vegetables, etc. etc.

Mr. Jefferson meant by protection precisely what we do, is proved by his Message of December 2, 1806, when, anticipating the payment of our debt and a surplus of revenue, he asks:—

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to tell very heavily against him; not to mention the carrying out of these decrees, which has resulted in the wholesale massacre of thousands of the Liberals of Mexico and the desolation of their country. But the Liberals, in saving the life of the man who has contributed largely to all this, will act wisely.

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