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

Southern Politics.

From the Nation. Tennessee has just given decisive evidence of the comparative unanimity with which the newly enfranchised voters at the South support the Republican party...

ground that the meetings at which they were chosen were not regularly called, the thing becomes doubly absurd. If the convention was a liberal mass meeting, any one had a right to come in...

The South Carolina Republican Convention adopted (among other things) a resolution favoring the greater subdivision of landed property...

Confiscation is not needed to cure this evil, nor do we believe that the Southern Republican will ask for any such remedy.

A Commodity of Bad Names.

One of the very few good laws which grew out of the reign of the Sans Culottes in France was a republican edict forbidding any child to be christened by a name not found either in the calendar or in history.

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In naming our States, by some piece of miraculous good fortune, we chanced upon some very good names, only two of them being importations from the Old World...

Virginia affords an unfortunate illustration of this fact. The Republicans of that State are kept in constant ferment by the anxiety of a few white men to keep the entire control of the party in their own hands.

but the proposition did not strike the popular fancy, and we are still a homeless people. There is one part of our national nomenclature, however—which is as vicious as possible—which ought to be and might be very easily remedied.

We all remember how, during the war, the heart of the nation was thrilled by Mrs. Farragut's tender mention of "the dear old Hartford." Let any one attempt to bear away the unpronounceable and ridiculous names which Secretary Welles has bestowed upon our new war-ships...

But Mr. Welles committed greater blunders than giving unmeaning Indian names to our first-class iron-clads, in belittling another class of steamers by calling them after little parlor-window shrubs and green-house plants.

The President and Mr. Stanton.

In the traditions of the United States Government the Cabinet has been so entirely the creation of the Presidential will that the present Administration, we believe, furnishes the first instance of a Cabinet officer holding his seat through a term of years in direct opposition to the President's policy.

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The Secretary of War we have been in many things opposed. We have denied the justice of his arbitrary arrests; his irresponsible commission; his military trials in cases where civil authority was sufficient to punish crime or redress wrong.

But the Tenure of Office act was framed expressly to prevent the unrestrained power of the President over the great executive officers of the Government. It was intended to confine the President to the exercise of his own constitutional functions.

The Roman Question and the Party of Action.

The announcement that Garibaldi has for the present abandoned his intention of leading a volunteer movement against the Papal States, will hardly surprise those who know anything of the impulsive character of the Liberator, or of the conservative influences to which, after all, he is generally subject.

There is no doubt that these interrogatories were accompanied by the usual intimation—conveyed in the form of a threat—that the sovereignty of Rome was prepared to surrender its rights and retire from the seat of its dominion...

Such were the solemn declarations of the King of Italy, in presence of the first Parliament of United Italy, after Venice had been restored to her proper place.

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