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The Freedmen's Bureau.

IF THERE is any portion of the American people who derive information upon public affairs exclusively from Democratic journals and orators they will naturally conclude that the Freedmen's Bureau is one of the most useless and expensive departments of the Government. The expenditures for the Bureau are constantly cited as the heaviest item of Republican extravagance, at a period when hundreds of millions are appropriated annually. The real facts as they are given in the recent letter of David A. Wells, Special Commissioner of Revenue, are that the expenses of the Bureau since its organization in 1866, have been, for disbursements prior to Jane 30, 1867, \$2,402,000; and for disbursements from July 1, 1867, to June 30, 1868, \$3,215,000, or a total of \$5,617,000.

The beneficial results of this expenditure are incalculable. It must be remembered that a large portion of this sum was devoted to feeding the people of districts in the South which were devastated by the war, and that a large proportion of the applicants for aid were white persons. In the Rebel States little or no provision is made for sustaining almshouses, and if the Freedmen's Bureau had not at the critical moment proffered assistance, thousands of persons would have been starved. There were also many sick, old, and infirm freedmen, who would have perished if the Bureau had not extended timely relief.

But one of its most important functions was to establish mutual confidence between the employers and the employed in districts where the free labor system was entirely novel, and where the old slaveholders and their former slaves regarded each other with mutual distrust and suspicion. How many deadly quarrels have been averted, how much wrong and injustice has been prevented, how much has been done to reorganize industry, by the Freedmen's Bureau, can never be accurately known, but in thousands of well-attested cases its influence has been in the highest degree beneficial. It has promoted every legitimate Southern interest, and is obnoxious only to the desperate and wicked classes, who desire to establish by force and fraud, a new form of slavery.

Which is the Greatest?

THERE are many who deny that General Grant is a great man. The Democracy, over vapid puns, seek to prove that his reputation was luck, his fame the result of chance, while he himself had little if anything to do with it. Napoleon declared as his policy, to accept no one as his marshal who was not blessed with luck, and tersely added, that the only test of greatness which he required was success. In that sentiment is found the favorite standard, if not the truest, by which we can detect greatness. That man is so who is thoroughly successful. There may be others of whom we can say, such a man is far abler than his unfortunate rival. But if investigated, there is generally some other quality in which the fortunate one excels his abler competitor. But to leave metaphysics, there can be no question but that the world accepts success as its standard, and does honor to him who wins renown, be his merits what they may. . Viewed in this light, it is idle to deny that General Grant is the greatest man of his day. He has been favored singularly with honors. He has proved himself a victorious soldier, and that is a far better claim to military skill than if he had been the ablest general of his day, who wasted in tac. tics what should have been expended in victory. Let the jealous detract as they may, General Grant has the nation's acknowledgment of his genius; and the carping of opposition papers cannot detract from it. What possible claim, be it luck or merit, has Mr. Seymour ever shown which should entitle him to the gift which he seeks in opposition to the General? We will not answer that question ourselves, but leave it to some jocose Democrat, when wearied of silly witticisms on our candidate's name, to give us a brief history of what actions of Seymour he can denominate great.

Organize!

Most of the Executive Committees of the Republican party from the various Wards met last night, and are now ready to proceed to business. We hope that there will be no idling away of time most precious to victory. The real work of the campaigu, its conduct and its ultimate result depends not on the erators, nor the public meetings, nor the processions; but on these ward and precinct committees. It is to them is alloted the task of doing the individual labor of the campaign, and it is only through personal exertions that, after all, the real result is attained. Let them then fail not to work; quietly and without ostentation. Let each precinct be divided into blocks, and have every Republican voter attended to. Let the importance of the result be impressed on him. Let him be registered, and all the proper preparations made, and with exertion will come victory.

Gamblers and Gambling.

It is becoming evident from the tone of a number of our exchanges that Philadelphia is rapidly securing a reputation for the existence of its gambling-houses. Within the past few weeks our attention has been called several

times to articles published in entirely different portions of the country, all of which reflected on the laxity with which the laws against gambling were enforced in the city of Brotherly Love. This laxity is gradually be coming an open scandal. Every one knows of the existence of these houses. Every one knows that nightly a score of them are in full force fleecing their victims and being a perfect ulcer on the body politic. Yet they are not interfered with. It is clearly time that the laws be vindicated. If we have them, let them be obeyed. Better to do away with all restriction on this nefarious trade than to have impotent statutes which are only a source of contempt. We hope that, despite the approach of a political campaign, the Prosecuting Attorney will devote time to the punishment of the law-breakers.

THERE is apparently little doubt that a seri. ous effort will be made to lay down, as soon as possible, a new oceanic cable telegraph between New York and Brest, in France; the necessary charters or "concessions" to accomplish this work having been granted by the State of New York and the French Government, and prominent capitalists having control of the enterprise. As it was announced this morning that the original cable of 1866 has recently ceased to work, in consequence, it is supposed, of damages caused by an iceberg, the importance of a new line is increased, on account of the constant danger that the communication established by the existing line may be entirely destroyed. It is also desirable that a cable should be established which would be free from British influence, for the British Government could at any moment, in case of hostilities, assume entire control of the existing line. The public interests would also be subserved by a healthy competition, as it could scarcely fail to reduce the rates now charged for transmitting messages to and from

GENERAL MEADS issued an important order on the 30th ult., officially announcing that civil governments have been inaugurated in Georgia, Florida, and Alabama, and directing that hereafter civil authority shall prevail, except where the intervention of the military is authorized, by the Legislatures and courts of the newly reconstructed States. The soldiers, however, are not to be withdrawn, except the 15th Regiment, which is to be sent to Texas. The other troops are to be concentrated at Dahlonega, Savannah, and Atlanta, in Georgia; Mobile and Huntsville, in Alabama; and St. Augustine, Tampa Bay, and Jacksonville, in Florida. General Meade announced in a recent speech in Georgia, that he surrendered his authority over civil affairs with great pleasure, and that he hoped the day would soon come when civil authority would again prevail in all portions of the republic. The only obstacle to the accomplishment of this de ire arises from the continued efforts of Southern Rebel leaders to galvanize the Re-

A CABLE telegram from Paris announces that "the Imperial decree has been issued authorizing the issue of a new loan." The constant increase of the debt of France which Louis Napoleon has authorized, may prove the most fatal obstacle to the perpetuation of his dynasty. With all their enthusiasm, the French people are in some respects an eminently practical people, and they have a great horror of onerous debt and taxation. The constant loans are evidently made because the Emperor feels that his popularity would be endangered if he endeavored to raise annually, by taxation, a sum sufficient to defray his enormous current expenditures; but he is evidently only postponing the evil day by his present policy. On the other hand, he has undoubtedly done much to increase the material prosperity of his subjects by his liberal support of new railway lines and other internal improvements, and his uninterrupted maintenance of public order. But his enemies contend that he has made some serious blunders in his industrial policy, as for instance in his commercial treaty with England.

Colonel A. G. Boone, who was recently appointed Indian Agent for the tribes in Southeastern Colorado and Northwestern New Mexico, is a grand-son of the famous pioneer, Daniel Boone, and like his illustrious ancestor, has always had a fondness for frontier life. Forty years ago he led the adventurous life of a trapper and hunter in the Rocky Mountain regions, and he has for a long period resided in Southeastern Colorado, where he formerly discharged, in an acceptable and satisfactory manner, the duties with which he has recently been entrusted. Colonel Boone is well advanced in years, but he retains in a remarkable degree the full possession of his faculties, and he promises to become a worthy successor of Kit Carson in pacifying the Aborigines.

THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN, after being the scene of an earnest and hard-fought battle between the Allopaths and the homoeopaths. has finally settled down on the side of orthodoxy in medical matters. In the circular announcement for the term to open in Septem ber, the University authorities say:-"In consequence of an Act of the Legislature of Michigan at its last session, granting aid to the University on the condition that a Professor of homeopathy should be introduced into the Medical Department, much agitation and annoyance have been experienced by its friends; but the Faculty are now happy to announce to the medical profession and all the friends of legitimate medicine, that the Board of Regents, who control the University, at a recent meeting resolved, with but a single dissenting vote, that under no circumstances should such Professor be introduced into the Medical College at Ann Arbor; and the Supreme Court of the State having since decided that all previous action of the Board making provision for the establishment of a school of homosopathy at another place, is not a compliance with the law, and such action thus becoming null and void, the Faculty are enabled to assure the profession that the Medical Department of the University of Michigan is entirely free from the remotest connec tion with homocopathy-that its curriculum will not be changed, and that it will remain as here tofore unaffected by any form of irregular teaching or practice."

THE HOWARD UNIVERSITY, an institution located on the out-skirts of the city of Washington, is now in a fair way of becoming successful. It was chartered at the last session of the Thirty-ninth Congress. The set of incorporation provides for the establishment of the following departments:-Normal, collegiate, theological, medical, law, and agricultural. Soon after the passage of the act, the corporators organized by the appointment of a Board of Trustees, prominent among whom was General O. O. Howard, of the Freedmen's Bureau, in consideration of whose disinterested services in behalf of the institution, it was given his name. The normal and preparatory departments of the institution were opened on the first of May, 1867, in a building in the city. The collegiate, theological, and law departments, will be organized as soon as circumstances will permit, and the condition of the university requires. The medical department is already organized, with a faculty of competent instructors in their respective branches, and will be opened for the reception of students in October

This Department of the University presents unequalled advantages, as the students will have free access to the Freedmen's General Hospital of Washington for clinical purposes. Soon after the organization of the Board, a fine tract of land on a hill commanding a prospect of the city of Washington was purchased; but already a sufficient quantity to defray almost the entire cost of the property, and not needed for the purposes of the University, has been disposed of.

On this site, in the centre of a beautiful park. the University buildings are now being erected. The principal building is four stories in heightand contains a large number of commodious rooms for lectures, recitations, offices, libraries, and a chapel. The dormitory, adjoining it, is three stories in height and is calculated to accommodate two hundred students with both rooms and board. Both buildings are almost completed, and will be ready for occupancy in

The University is intended for the education of young men without distinction of race or color, and under the management of such men as General Howard it is destined to a career of well-deserved prosperity.

THE "LEGION OF HONOR," founded by the first Napoleon, supplied nothing more than a decorative distinction, but was reorganized by the present Emperor in 1852, and endowed with annual allowances, ranging from 250 to 3000 francs, besides pensions. The cost of the order would be easily calculable if any limitation were set upon new decorations. This was attempted under the Restoration, except for the class of chevaliers; but such has been the Imperial liberality that the plan then determined on has nearly doubled, so that it now contains 34,000 Legionaries, or, adding the civilians, 63,000, with 3700 officers and 200 commanders. The medalists also, who belong to the army solely, are estimated at 40,000; and these, if private soldiers or non-commissioned officers, are entitled to a pension. The army, as might have been expected, and not the civil list, ussawollen the expenditures of the past ten years, and raised the total from 4,197,990 francs in 1858 to 18,425,000 francs in 1868. M. de la Tour, who has taken pains to collect these statistics, protests against the vulgarizing of his order, and proposes that an obsolete regulation of 1852 should be revived, prohibiting future decorations in any instance except where there are two vacancirc by death or degradation. To this M. Glais-Bizoin has offered as an amendment, that the Cross of the Legion of Honor be given to whoever is willing to pay for it,

DEMOCRATIC ORATORY has received a brilliant acquisition in the person of one John H. Thomas, candidate for Congress in the Seventh Onto District. In response to his nomination Mr. Thomas let himself loose after the following fashion:-"I have never aspired to that dignity and grandeur which enables the orator to express in words of beauty, and with gorgeous imagery the gratitude which obligations conferred bestirs within him, and cannot, therefore, on this occasion thrill your bosoms with delight whilst returning thanks for the honor you have done me." This was certainly refreshing, with the thermometer at ninety-four degrees in the shade.

Some of Blate's Doings .- Major Evans, an Indiana officer, at a recent meeting in Indiana' polls, in the course of a speech, said that the only independent work he had ever known Biair to do as an army officer was his march down through lower Tennessee and Mississippi when Grant was besieging Richmond. When asked by Grant if he had taken any prisoners, he replied, "No, but I have burnt a sight of houses, and captured all the niggers." Blair's revolutionary tendencies at that time were directed against his present friends and admirers. But the Democracy are accustomed to forgive their enemies,

CHIEF JUSTICE CHASE is in a bad way. Disappointed in not receiving the Tammany nomination, his disposition has become completely soured. The Cincinnati Gazette which has ately denounced him more bitterly than any other Republican paper, now reports a convereation in which the Chief Justice spoke strongly against the Seymour and Blair ticket, saying that if these men should be elected, all the fruits of the four years' war against the Rebels would be lost. At the same time Mr. Chase spoke severely against the policy of the Republican party during the last few years.

AN ALIBI,-"J. B. S." writes to the World his opinion that Chief Justice Chase had nothing to do with forming the Democratic platform Probably about these days Chief Justice Chase would be very glad to have that alibi established.

A "GAP."-The Chicago Post makes this point: "There is a histus in General Grant's history say the Democrats. That may be; but it is nothing compared with the hiatus he made in the Democratic party at Vicksburg in 1863, or at Appomattox in 1865."

AMUSEMENT NOTES.

THE WALNUT STREET THEATRE Was formally opened for the season last evening, by the re-production of Mr. J. E. McDonough's spectacombination of drama and Biack Crook. The ballet, under the direction of Mr. George W. Smith, included Madlles Morlacchi, sometimes called "the Great," Leau, and Diani, all of whom were received with hearty rounds of applause, as on their previous appearances in this city. In the dramauc cast, Miss Fannie Stocqueler appeared, for the first time in Philadelphia, as "Stalacta," singing the difficult aria of It Baccio with acceptable execu-"Hertzog," Mr. W. A. Chapman that of "Greppo," and Mr. S. K. Chester that of "Rudolphe." As last evening was the first representation of the spectacle at this theatre, the performance was somewhat hindered by difficulties of a first night, but all these drawbacks will doubtless be overcome in a few days. The audience was a large one, and apparently well pleased with the performance as a whole. The theatre has opened the season in earnest, and under the business management of Mr. T. J. Hemphill and the stage management of Mr. W. A. Chapman, the season will doubtless be a successful one in every essential respect.

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As a huse-no and father his place cannot be filled, and his loss as a business man, a public-spirited citizen, a nonle patriot, a true friend and sincere Christian, will be mourned by all.

A losal Union man, he was one of the original meabers of the National Union Club, and coutined an active, whee, and faithful director in its affairs. The efficers and members of the Club are requested to meet at the Club House on Wadn Eday morning, the 5th instant, at 9 o'clock, to a treat the ineral, JOHN E. ADDICKS, President.

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