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

The Hopes of the House of Blair.

From the N. Y. Tribune. Dean Swift would have drawn an excellent portrait of the Washington politician. The W. P. is a character. He is indigenous to the national capital, and rarely thrives in any other place.

To this Washington politician the world is composed of red tape and sealing wax. The economy of nature is one endless circumlocution office. He lives between the hours of 10 o'clock and 3, including an hour for lunch.

Mr. Montgomery Blair is perhaps the most conspicuous and illustrious Washington politician now living. His triumphs have been the wonder of the generation.

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could confer on him. Now, though this answer really contains in it the key of the whole negro difficulty, of course it has to be interpreted in a large and liberal way, and with a due regard to surrounding circumstances.

The Freedmen's Bureau was one most powerful and beneficent agent in making the transition from slavery to freedom easy, and it has been maintained up to the point where there was danger of its preventing the growth of self-reliance and prudence among those for whose benefit it was established.

The Commission now propose, after providing funds for the maintenance of their schools one year longer, to dissolve and leave the work they have begun to be carried on by the Southern people themselves, and they set it itself to do in a remarkable degree.

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of the negro, expend their zeal in packing up their valises and going to the South, and there doing a hundred of admirable Northern men and women are doing at this moment, a little honest, unnotified here, but may be strenuously unnoticed everywhere—work for the negro, by opening schools for his instruction in letters, in industry, in morals, and in politics, and affording him an example of unostentatious devotion to duty.

William T. Sherman. From the N. Y. Times. There is, and will be until the 4th of next March, a vast deal of speculation as to who will be the constitutional advisers of President Grant.

Of all these, we believe that William T. Sherman will be the man nearest to the new President and most influential in his councils, whether the former shall be Secretary of War, General, or Lieutenant-General.

The country has no reason to be jealous of the counsels of such a man as Sherman—the most brilliant but the least understood of our generals. He is not only not a politician, but he is a man who has the mind of a philosopher.

Upon this platform we shall gain greater and more lasting victories. Woman's Right to the Ballot. From the N. Y. World. Man to man so oft 'tis just, It always is to woman.

Mrs. Cady Stanton thinks so, in this week's Revolution, and in the incalculable are included several of her own sex. This is the way of it. A meeting of sundry "thoughtful men and women of New England" is called by the aforesaid "thoughtful men and women."

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paing, and it will be a hotter, sharper, more determined fight on the part of the Democracy than the people than was the one just ended.

We will carry the war into the ranks of the enemy. We will put upon the shoulders of the radicals, where they belong, the responsibility and crimes for all the nation has suffered during the past seven or eight years.

Radicalism is committing its frauds and stealings as extensively to-day; the people are being robbed and plundered and taxed just as oppressively now as during the time preceding the election, and there is just as much need that there should be wakefulness and watchfulness now as ever.

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