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THE SHORTCOMINGS OF THE NAVY DEPARTMENT.

We have received a polite note from one of the gentlemen connected with the Navy Department, enclosing several documents referring to the points which were alleged against the management of the navy in these columns a few days ago.

The squabble between the line and staff officers is of long standing; it was commenced many years ago by the surgeons, before there were any paymasters or engineers in the service, and it has been continued with unremitting bitterness ever since.

In reference to the change in the names of our naval vessels, our correspondent refers us to a very remarkable article on the subject which appeared in the Washington Chronicle yesterday.

The fact is, a most senseless uproar was raised about changing the names of some of our vessels of war.

The Navy Department is soundly berated, because it has in some instances adopted the names of heathen gods; but in answer to this, it may be said that it would sound rather sacrilegious to name iron-clads after the prophets, or other holy personages mentioned in the Scriptures.

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"We have as much respect for them as John Bull has."

"There is rather too much fastidiousness among the newspaper folks about the gods and goddesses. Would it not have been better to have been more squeamish with the names of Christus, Chloakaw, and Cherokee given to our gunboats?"

"The Choctaws, as a nation, went boldly into the Rebellion, and although some of the others left the Rebels and joined us, they never so far retracted themselves as to be entitled to have their names adopted in our navy."

"Leaving out the fact that the British have dared to take the names of some of the heathen gods for their ships, there can be nothing in the world more beautiful and appropriate than the names of mythological characters. The deeds of most of them were deeds of daring, and every schoolboy knows their history."

she fires something more than gunpowder, and the Terror is something of which to stand in awe.

We commend the above to the candid consideration of our readers. It is the first serious attempt that has been made to defend the Porter-Borie system of nomenclature, and we hope it will be the last. All that the Chronicle says on the subject only adds strength to the arguments of the other side, and it is about as absurdly amusing a specimen of begging the question as we have ever been fortunate enough to meet with.

Of Admiral Porter's ability as an officer we entertain no question, but that he or any other officer of the navy is the proper person to manage the Navy Department we do not believe, more especially as he is entirely irresponsible.

THE REMOVAL OF THE CAPITAL. The Western papers, for a lack of something more exciting, are still engaged in an elaborate discussion of the proposition to remove the capital of the United States from Washington to some more central point, and by general consent they appear to have fixed unanimously upon St. Louis as the most favorable location.

And now the Tribune raises its voice, and with none of that magnanimity which has characterized the journals of Chicago, and other ambitious Western cities, insists that, if the capital must be removed, under any and all circumstances New York is the only suitable place in the length and breadth of the land for it.

But this nuisance goes further. It is the source of many worries, also, as well as actual injuries. A student deep in a puzzle with whose solution he hopes to enlighten the world, or a writer under the full inspiration of his noble kit and caboodle of them would be nabbed by a posse of murderous deputy sheriffs, and locked up in Ludlow street jail, on the charge of being in contempt of court.

Meanwhile, by their notoriously vicious practices, the members of the National Legislature would corrupt, by their associations, the virtuous Aldermen and Common Councilmen of the metropolis, and that city would soon degenerate from its present pure and lofty political standard into the most abominable sink of iniquity on the face of the earth.

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fore, or as Rome was made to howl by the orgies of disreputable pagans in the olden time.

Clearly, it would never do to remove the capital to New York. Washington is bad enough, and the Government of the country while administered from that point is but a trifle better than it ought to be.

NOT THE FASHION WITH US.

THE London Poll Moll Gazette, in referring to the selection of Lord Howden—whom it styles "a clever and experienced diplomatist"—as English Minister to Spain, states that "there is probably no other living Englishman so well conversant with the language, literature, institutions, and public men of Spain."

BELLS!

RHETORICIANS tell us a great deal of the "harmony of sound and sense;" to mortals less highly endowed, sound often seems more closely allied with nonsense.

If we consider how many churches, police stations, engine houses, manufactories and school buildings have bells, and then add to these instances of children the many old, sick, and morbidly nervous people, persons prostrated by fever, whose only cure is "perfect quiet," and the many other victims of the fife of flesh, we surely have, in a population of 800,000, cases enough to make good our argument, and that, too, if we take almost any day or the vicinity of any bell.

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or two beyond Columbia avenue. At last it stops, but just then another train comes down the road. Its bell is rung and its whistle blown vociferously until it is past.

This infatuation is one that need not be tolerated unless our citizens wish it. In London, fires are put out without one stroke of a bell, and in Boston there is an ordinance which forbids the ringing of church bells.

THE DEMOCRATIC CHAIRMANSHIP.

THE great and all-absorbing question as to who should manage the Democratic coffee-pot during the ensuing campaign has at last been settled. There was a decided row in the Harrisburg convention over the matter, one faction desiring to have the chairman of the State Central Committee elected by ballot, while another wished the choice to be left with the candidates themselves.

Yet the Hon. Samuel J. Randall and Lewis C. Cassidy, Esq., of this city, at once entered the race for the control of the coffee-pot, in defiance of the Alderman's injunction.

SPECIAL NOTICES.

FOR THE SUMMER.—TO PREVENT sunburn and all discolorations and irritations of the skin, bites of mosquitoes or other insects, use Wright's Cream.

U. S. OFFICE OF ARTIFICIAL LIMBS.—An appropriation (\$50,000) having been made by Congress for purchasing ARTIFICIAL LIMBS FOR OFFICERS of the United States Army and Navy.

JOSE POEY. Medico-Chirujano de la Facultad de la Habana, ha traido da do su domicilio a la calle de Green, No. 1817, donde recibe consultas de 7 a 9 de la mañana y de 3 a 6 de tarde.

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