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Editorial Opinions of the Leading Journals Upon Current Topics—Compiled Every Day for the Evening Telegraph.

FRAUD IN PRESIDENTIAL ELECTIONS.

From the N. Y. Times.

Mr. Charles Francis Adams, Jr., called attention, in his paper read before the Social Science Association on Wednesday last, to a danger which a large number of our thinking men perceive, but which, as it is not a constant but an intermittent danger, presenting itself only at intervals of four years, it will probably be difficult to get the country at large to fix its attention on, much less provide against.

Nobody needs to be told how the present system of choosing the Electoral College by the popular vote, and leaving the college to choose the President afterward, has degenerated into a sorry farce. The Electoral College has now nothing whatever to do with the choice of the President, beyond carrying the result of the popular vote to the State capital to be counted and recorded.

By the Atlantic cable we learn that a most estimable lady philanthropist is about to set sail from England with a ship load of female emigrants for Canada. Here is just the casual fortunate point of neutralization of Earl Granville's North American diplomacy; for President Grant has merely to give the wink to some of the gallant Irish veterans in New York and "off they go" to Canada, annex the whole territory, marry every one of the emigrants, and bring the whole lot, politically and with his "arm around her waist," after the fashion of Rory O'More, into the Union before his lordship has had time to receive the executive reply of Premier McDonald, unless he transmits it by the cable, and even on "that line" an Irishman running for a wife may be too quick and full of electricity for him.

LOG-CABIN JOURNALISM. From the N. Y. World. When American journalism was very young and very verdant, or, as the laureate puts it, "in such a time as goes before the leaf, When all the world stands in a mist of green And nothing perfect," political newspapers had an absurd notion that elections were materially affected by their spasmodic utterances on the two or three days which preceded the actual voting.

But, when men of more sense and higher culture began to enter the business of journalism, it came to be seen how utterly futile as well as how offensive such a style of conduct was. It was seen that the votes of men were influenced, not by howls and hurrahs uttered upon the eve of an election, but by their own reflections upon facts and arguments submitted to them fairly and dispassionately.

That exception, of course, is the Tribune. The political revivalist who conducts it is still true to the traditions of his youth, and persists in regarding his readers as a pack of imbeciles. As when the uncertain bees wander hither and thither in the air, the mad-servant issuing from the kitchen soothes their souls and invites them to repose with wild demoniac dances and frantic percussion of the trite tinn. Not otherwise does Horace Greeley toss his hoary locks and pound his clattering Tribune when the lax radical hesitates to rush to the poll.

THE STEAMBOAT CALAMITY ON THE MISSISSIPPI. From the N. Y. Herald. The Mississippi river has added another to the innumerable horrors of which from time to time it has been the terrible scene.

acted after a slight ministerial crisis, a matter of very great interest to the provincial politicians and placement, but in reality of slight consequence to any one else. Quebec, New Brunswick and Nova Scotia have all got plenty of places. There is a premier and ministers and secretaries as usual, and with all the old familiar names. Canada is not very productive in the matter of statesmen, Earl Granville, Colonial Secretary, has forwarded a despatch from Downing street, London, to the Canadians. The Earl wants the colonists to look to the northwest, and confederate British Columbia with the territory of the Dominion. The despatches of Earl Granville would be of consequence for the consideration of the United States Government, were it not for the fact that the people of British Columbia do not wish to be confederated; that the Canadians do not possess the official talent requisite to insure such a consummation, and that the position assumed many years since by the late Lieutenant-General Scott on the subject of the San Juan Island possession and the navigation of the Haro channel will always render such a movement objectionable to the American people living under our flag.

Italian Industry. From the London Spectator. It is hard for the Englishman who traverses the Italy of to-day, and observes her people with unprejudiced eyes, to doubt that she must at no distant period regain much of her ancient riches. The elements of wealth are there in such abundance. We do not speak of her soil, although that of France is beside it but an ungenerous one, for some of the richest soils in the world belong to poverty-stricken races, and the owners of Australasia never accumulated a month's supply of food. Nor do we speak of what are called "natural resources," the mines and quarries and fruits and cereals in which Italy is so rich, for countries like India and Peru, which contain all the world contains, have often been filled with populations poor to hunger, and the lavishness of nature too often seems to paralyze the energy of man.

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education and art schools and cultivation generally has been attained in Italy without effort. Duties can there be entrusted to laborers which in England could be assigned only to the cultivated. In Venice, Salvetti's foremen are men of genius. In Florence, men who cannot read are moulding the finest ornamentation for palaces. In Leghorn and Ancona, the shipyards are full of men in blouses who could plan a ship as well as the engineers who employ them. Common carpenters turn out wood carvings which make English connoisseurs stare, at prices which might make philanthropists wince. The workmen in this trade display a positive genius for furniture which will yet make it an important trade, were only foreign carriage more speedily and less expensively. In every branch of manufacture in Italy, something is required beyond organization and machine-like industry.

POLITICAL. VOTE THE PEOPLE'S TICKET IN GARDEN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY. For State Senator, JAMES M. SUOVEL. For Sheriff, SAMUEL ARDULER. For Legislature, HIRSH ALL SHIRWS. Second District, JACOB FITCHNER. Third District, ANDREW D. TURNER. JOHN D. SEYBLER. ERNEST F. FUREY. ROBERT CHIEW. 10 21 1/2

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