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

THE MEANING OF THE DEMOCRATIC STRIFE.

From the N. Y. Herald.

The present struggle in the Democratic party has a meaning which will not appear to a casual observer. We see two factions eagerly warring upon each other, sacrificing the triumph of party and their principles to personal spite and aggrandizement.

This proposition may seem to be rather sweeping. But let us consider it. At the last election the Democratic party, marshaled by the Tammany chiefs, carried New York against the tremendous popularity of General Grant.

On the contrary, what do we see? The triumphant army is dissolving into a mob. What is its earliest duty? Certainly those municipal reforms which even Republicans believe to be necessary for the good government of the city of New York.

A harmonious Democracy quietly proceeding to the work of reform, and showing, by the energy and vigilance of its legislation, that moderation which is the strength and beauty of victory, would have produced upon the country a profound impression.

Here the quarrel is, and it can have but one result. General Grant will be the next Republican candidate for the Presidency, and will track as easily as Lincoln did in 1860, when the Democratic party was rent by the ambition of Douglas and Breckinridge.

THE MORMON QUESTION.

We can never legislate virtue against vice, and any attempt to achieve purely moral results by enactments of Congress will certainly fail.

This is the main reason for our dislike to General Gullorn's Mormon bill. The measure proposes to do by force what can only be done by reason.

or any existence but that of territorial abeyance. Now and then we have had Mormon settlements, but they vanished before a resolute Federal presence. The "war" that was waged in Buchanan's time was as much a contractor's war as anything else, and practically ended with the transportation of supplies.

If there has been any moral example to us in the Mormon faith, it has been good. One people who live upon it and are useful, and whose heathenism and vain things, have had no better incentive than the Mormon practice.

So long as Mormonism is a religious and moral faith, we must combat it with religious and moral influences. Christ's Gospel cannot be preached by artillery and riflemen.

A YEAR OF FREE-TRADE AGITATION.

The growth of free-trade principles during the past year has been in startling contrast to the indifference upon the subject which had prevailed since 1860.

But while there has been this marked advance during the year, it is still more instructive to note the change that has taken place within the last few months.

We have pointed out a few of the more striking signs of the change which has occurred; but every one of our readers will probably be able to recall other illustrations of it from his own experience.

For this happy revolution in opinion, free-traders are largely indebted to the persistent and most successful labors of the American Free Trade League. Its managers have discharged the trust which they took upon themselves in a way which deserves the thanks of the community.

GRANT'S PUP.

From the N. Y. World.

Somebody who wanted an office sent Grant a "pup." The animal was transmitted by express, and it reached the Presidential mansion encumbered with charges and fees.

Let him steal the pup and give it to his friend. He needn't be afraid of being bitten. No dog could bite him and live.

CHINA AND THE EUROPEAN GOVERNMENTS.

From the London Saturday Review.

A courteous exchange of letters between Count Bismark and Mr. Burlingame, the Chinese Ambassador, possesses the smallest possible importance. Like all other powers to which the Chinese Mission was accredited, and with comparatively little interest in the subject-matter of the negotiations, the North German Confederation readily acknowledges the right of the Chinese Government to be treated with justice and with reasonable deference.

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also had paid the regular dues. Under the new convention the Custom House receipt is to be conclusive evidence of the payment of all taxes on imported articles; but in consideration of the convenience thus afforded to merchants the duty is raised from five per cent to seven and a half, and the duty on opium is increased by a separate clause.

Although the objections of the London Committee are entitled to due consideration, the English Government will probably support Sir Rutherford Alcock by ratifying the treaty. It cannot be doubted that the English Ambassador has taken counsel with his resident countrymen, and also with the foreign merchants who, under the most favored nation clause, will be entitled to the benefits of the treaty, if their Governments consent to undertake the corresponding obligations.

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