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THE MANAGEMENT OF THE ALMS-HOUSE. Some years ago the mismanagement of the Almshouse by the old Board of Guardians, known as the "Board of Buzzards," created so much scandal that a total reform was effected, and the appointment of the Guardians was placed in the hands of the courts. This arrangement apparently worked well, and until lately there have been no serious complaints about the conduct of affairs at the Almshouse. The reports of the meetings of the Board of Guardians for some time past, however, have indicated that there is a screw loose somewhere, and that a little ventilation of the method of managing the Almshouse under the present dispensation would do no harm, at least. At the meetings of the board most of the allegations of mismanagement and demands for reform have come from Mr. Edward T. Parker, who appears to be considered by his colleagues as a nuisance who needs to be suppressed. We consequently find that Mr. Parker has considerable difficulty in getting a hearing when he has a complaint to make, and that when he cannot be restrained from talking in any other way the board will adjourn. Now Mr. Parker may be a very troublesome fellow, as efforts have been made to represent him, but there has generally been a good deal of point in his remarks, and the conduct of the other members of the board towards him has been such as to excite a suspicion that they did not care to interest themselves in correcting the evils he complained of. In the Post of this morning an interview with Mr. Parker is reported, and he is represented as telling a very straightforward story about the affairs of the Almshouse, and he makes some revelations that indicate a state of things not far removed from the disgraceful condition that existed under the rule of the "Board of Buzzards." Very grave charges are brought. against the officers of the house, who, according to Mr. Parker, work the paupers for their own profit, who are engaged in various money-making speculations that ought to be put a stop to, who defraud the paupers and the city in the quality as well as the quantity of the meat purchased, and who otherwise demean themselves in a manner deserving not only of censure but of severe punishment. Mr. Parker asserts that "the officers of the house have formed a regular ring, and that the whole system is one of mismanagement, waste, peculation, corruption, and oppression." He states that ninety-five out of every one hundred foundlings that come to the Almshouse never live to five years of age, from want of proper nourishment regularly given at proper intervals; that their medicine is not administered properly; and that their milk is diluted with twenty-five gallons of water to one hundred of milk. These and other charges of like character cannot be passed over in silence, and the Board of Guardians must give some explanation or rest under the imputation of countenancing them. The subject, however, should not be left in the hands of the Board of Guardians, who may be interested in presenting a whitewashed report, but a thorough investigation should be made by disinterested outsiders, and if Mr. Parker's charges should be proved to be true, measures must be adopted to place the management of the Almshouse upon a proper footing. The city of Philadelphia cannot afford to submit to the scandal of another "Board of Buzzards," and paying as we do thousands of dollars yearly for the support of the Almshouse, waste, peculation, and other corrupt practices must be put a stop to, if there is any way of doing it. It is certainly a suspicious and discreditable sign that Mr. Parker, with such a list of serious complaints as he presents, is always choked off at the meetings of the board whenever he makes a demand for an investigation, and the plain statement of the mismanagement which he made to the reporters of the Post merits the belief of the commu-

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nity antil it is proved conclusively that he is

THE Republicans of the South seem to be as much in need of reconstruction as the Rebels. Reinforced by an immense vote and protected by the armies of the United States, they manage to dissipate enormous majorities by selfish or stupid dissensions, and after they have provoked defeat they appeal to Congress or the courts for relief from their self-imposed dilemmas. The latest illustration of these disastrous proclivities is furnished by the recent proceedings in Alabama. In a fair contest, managed with a reasonable degree of adroitness and an avoidance of dissensions among the Republican politicians, that State can poll a very decided Republican majority. But the Democrats at the late election carried their whole State ticket, according to the official return, by majorities ranging from 1429 to 4459. This result is acquiesced in by all Republicans so far as it

State Treasurer; but the present Republican | incumbents of these positions have obtained an injunction from the courts to prevent the count of the returns which would exclude them, in the hope that their lease of power will thus be prolonged. We scarcely know on what pretext this desperate device was adopted, but if we can believe the despatch sent from Montgomery, many Republican members of the Legislature and respectable Republican voters are bitterly opposed to this attempt nullify the results of the election, and the ill feeling thus generated threatens to breed a new crop of dissensions in the Republican organization from which it may never recover. It is a notable fact in these unfortunate difficulties that the colored voters rarely or never cause them. They originate nine times out of ten in the greedy selfishness or vain ambition of dishonest or inflated Southern white Republican politicians; and these men have done more injury to the cause which they profess to love, during the last five years, than all the Rebels south of

Mason and Dixon's line. A PRACTICAL CASE involving indirectly the free zone question has recently been reported to Washington by the Deputy Collector at Brownsville, Texas. He has seized an American vessel for acts which in his judgment prove that it has been using the Mexican free zone facilities for smuggling goods into this country, whereupon the Mexican Consul at Brownsville sets up a pretext that this vessel is the lawful prize of the Mexican Government on account of alleged infringements of Mexican laws. This is probably a mere dodge to rescue the vessel, and we hope that our Government will bluntly refuse to release her. Since the greasers on our Southwestern frontier have avowed their determination to give us as much trouble as possible, they are entitled to no favors at our hands. They are a desperate set of thieves, and in all controversies that arise with them it is safe to presume that they are guilty of wrong-doing until their innocence is clearly established by unimpeachable evidence. They have solemnly resolved to badger and cheat Uncle Sam, and it is nearly time to give them another Cherubusco or Buena Vista.

News comes from Nevada that the boundary line between that State of great extent and meagre population and the charming regions of Utah has recently been run in such a manner as to throw under Brigham Young's dominion certain districts which at the late Nevada election polled a majority of several hundred for the Democratic candidate for Congress. As the contest was close, it is supposed that this discovery will change the result, and install in the Capitol during the sessions of the next Congress a Republican instead of a Democrat. If this expectation is fulfilled it will probably be the first instance on record in which a popular verdict has been reversed by a boundary line adjustment, and it will set some of our sharp politicians to thinking whether plans may not be devised to extend the happy Nevada expedient to other desperate cases.

THE PREFECT of a French district which has recently been overrun by the Germans has issued a model proclamation. He says: -"Amiens must fall into the enemy's hands. The Army of the North is retreating, the National Guards disarming. I leave you, but will soon return. Be calm and confident. France will be saved." This is tall talk for the land of the Napoleon who issued the most famous of war bulletins.

QUEEN VIC has put her little foot down against a war on the Eastern question. She has grown tired of being the only sovereign in the world without influence in the public affairs of the country she presumably governs, and it is such a rare thing for her to dabble in politics that the people of Great Britain will scarcely fail to follow her leadership on the new issue.

E OUR SOLDIERS' ORPHANS, -On another page we publish an appeal signed by Bishop Simpson, of the M. E. Church, General Meade, Mayor Fox, and George H. Stuart, Esq., to the charitable public in behalf of the Asylum for Soldiers' Orphans at Gettysburg. It should meet with a prompt and hearty response from a generous public. .

THE VOTE OF MASSACHESETTS .- The official re-

turns of the recent election in Massachusetts have

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ļ	been published. The vote for Governor was a	as fol-
1	lows:-	
	William Claffin, Rep. John Quincy Adams, Dem. Wendell Paillips, Temperance and Labor Re-	79 549 48,680
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ı	form	21,946
	Total vote	30,969
	The vote for Governor in 1869 was as follow	
	William Claffin, Rep. John Quincy Adams, Dem. E. M. Chamberlain, Labor Reform.	74,100
	Total vote	9,885 21 for 58,855 r Con
	gress at the recent election, with their may	

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follows:-			
Dist.	Rep. Vate.	Mai.	Maj. '68.
1-James Buffinton	6,284	3,690	49,489
2—Oakes Ames	9,367	3,267	
3-Ginery Twitchell	6,233	327	2,184
4-Sam. Hooper	8,025	1,782	2,736
5-Benj. F. Butler		2,960	6,237
6-N. P. Bauks		4,791	6,746
7-George M. Brooks		2,356	6,218
8-George F. Hoar		2,476	9,383
9-W. B. Washburn		6,324	13,480
10-Henry L. Dawes	8,419	974	4,770

The marked decrease in the Republican majorities is due in great measure to the falling off in the total vote, the decrease ranging between 4000 and 6000 in

each district.

OBITUARY.

Hon. John Hopkins Clarke. John Hopkins Clarke, of Rhode Island, late United States Senator, slied at Providence, in that State, a few days ago. He was born at Elizabethtown, N. J., in the year 1700. He studied at Brown University and graduated in 1809. After his graduation he pursued the study of the law and was admitted to the bar in Rhode Island, where he settled. In the course of a few years he abandoned the legal profession and engaged in a manufacturing business. He was elected a member of the Rhode Island House of Representatives in 1836. For the term between affects all officers except the Governor and the years 1847 and 1863 he held the position of United

States Senator from Rhode Island. In the year 1864 he was again a member of the State House of Representatives, though he was then in his seventy-afth

On the father's side, Senator Clarke was a descendant of Dr. John Clarke, who, in the early days of the commonwealth, was the intimate friend of Roger Williams, the founder of Rhode Island. On the mother's side he claimed for an ancestor the first Commodore and Commander-in-Caief of the United States Navy, Esek Hopkins.

James Archibald Stonet Wortley. This noted English statesman and parrister died a few days since in London. He was born in that city in 1805, and was the third son of Baron Wharncliffe. He graduated from the University of Oxford in 1831 with the degree of Master of Arts, and immediately after began the stifty of law at the Inner Temple. He was admitted to practice in the same year. His legal business was principally in the

northern counties. He held the office of Judge-Advocate-General, under the administration of Sir Robert Peel, from January to June, 1846. He was elected in 1850 to the office of Recorder of the city of London. From 1835 to 1837 he was a member of the House of Commons for the borough of Hallfax, and from 1949 to 1859 he sat continuously in the same body for the county of Bute. In 1846 he was a member of the Privy Councll. He was a conservative in politics, but as a lawyer he enjoyed a great reputation.

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