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

PARTY LEADERS AND THE PEOPLE.

From the N. Y. Times.

The efforts of the Democratic press at the North to lull the country into a false sense of security with regard to the future, might be more successful if the Southern newspapers would take the hint, and suppress their real opinions about the cause...

the way altogether. One or other of those results will certainly be brought about by the Presidential election. The people will not allow the life of the nation to be placed in jeopardy by the passions or follies of leaders who happen to have acquired influence or power, and do not know how to use it.

DR. DOLLINGER'S POSITION.

From the N. Y. Tribune.

From a rumor that King Ludwig of Bavaria purposes to support Dr. Dollinger in his opposition to the dogma of infallibility, to make him Minister of Public Worship, and, as soon as the necessary Liberal preponderance is secured in the Representative Chamber, to abolish the concordat which has regulated the relations of Church and State in Bavaria since 1817...

People did not understand that this slow, obstinate man, with a fixed idea in his head, had deliberately become the slave of a party in order to make himself its master. Cameron, Chandler, and the rest, who rejoiced at their capture of the President, little imagined that a Greek horse they were taking within their party walls; and Morton and Butler, who fancied they were using Grant, did not see in his stolid face the satisfaction with which he suffered them to make him their owner.

Grant's character has one salient trait—he is a living incarnation of selfishness. Cold and secretive as a mephitic gas, he has as much patriotism; he relies upon nobody, fuses with nobody, knows friends only as far as he can use them, and lives, moves, and has his being solely for his own convenience.

THE LEADERS OF THE PARIS REDS.

From the N. Y. Herald.

Since the Republic was proclaimed on the fourth day of last September the changes which have taken place throughout France, and especially in Paris, are such as excite wonder and attract attention. The men who in the young days of the new republic occupied the leading positions, whose appeals exercised an influence over the populace and whose republicanism was never for a moment doubted, have nothing to do with the men who now bid defiance to the government of which M. Thiers is the chosen head.

A SLAVE TURNED MASTER.

From the N. Y. World.

In 1868 General Blair said:—"You undertake Grant; he is a bold and dangerous man, who will try to make himself dictator." Radicals sneered or smiled. The prediction was ascribed to a selfish motive. General Blair bore the penalty of speaking an unwelcome truth a little too early. Now Charles Sumner and Carl Schurz say the same thing, and everybody listens.

are at a standstill, churches are pillaged, priests are persecuted, private citizens are outraged, murders are committed, and security for person or property does not exist in the once famous capital of France.

While the present picture is a melancholy one to contemplate, there are, happily, signs which augur the complete annihilation of the elements which now disturb, perplex, and threaten France with destruction. The tyranny of the Versailles government, mistaken at one time for timidity, is beginning to produce good effect; while, on the other hand, the administration of the Commune is lapsing into weakness.

CURIOSITIES OF AMERICAN LEGAL PRACTICE.

From the London Saturday Review.

The proceedings of American courts of justice have much of the interest which belongs to a foreign country, while they are as easily intelligible as if they took place in England. It is curious and instructive to observe how the law and practice of these courts, derived originally from our own, have been modified by national character or habit, or by contact with systems of jurisprudence from which our English system has remained unfortunately isolated.

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legal profession as upon a splendid garden filled with the choicest flowers. We cannot help fancying that the Judge must have had Catullus in his mind.

U. deo in septa secretis nascitur hortis, so grows a barrister into fame and profit by years of unregarded toil in his lonely chambers overlooking the Temple Gardens. And then he is transplanted in full and glorious bloom to Court, "where some flowers are even more beautiful than others," and are placed on that account in the first row.

But our feelings have carried us a little beyond Judge Bedford. The comparison of the disreputable barrister to a trodden lily, however beautiful and appropriate, is not his but ours. The Judge compares him to "a rank unwholesome weed" which one sometimes finds in the midst of beauty and cultivation.

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