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It was never entertained a high opinion of Simon Cameron, either as a man or a statesman, and, outside of the party which he has led and led these many years, there has not existed a strong belief in his political ability.

There is trouble ahead for Mr. Rutherford B. Hayes. We print elsewhere a letter from Senator Morton, written in the crisp, forcible style of that eminent patriot, which is remarkable for its contradictions it contains.

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On Wednesday, May 16th, the entire French Cabinet resigned owing to the disagreement of President MacMahon and M. Jules Simon, the head of the Cabinet, relative to the repeal of the press law of 1875.

It is to be hoped that this decision will be made speedily. If the law is unconstitutional the fact may be well known at once and confusion and trouble averted.

There is a fact that never in the history of the Government have the offices been made such matters of bargain and sale as they are made under Hayes, and never before has the principle been so boldly and unblushingly announced that they are the stock in trade of an Administration.

The United States cannot exist without the maintenance of an army," said Gen. Sherman at the Chamber of Commerce dinner.

This astounding utterance has a double significance. It is the opinion of a West Point graduate and army officer. It is the opinion of a prominent official, who holds political relations with the present Administration personally, and through a brother who is a Cabinet officer and Hayes's confidential adviser.

Two of the Turkish monitors on the Danube have been destroyed by the Russians. A fortnight ago one of them, which is reported to have been one of the largest on the river, was blown up by a shell from a Russian mortar on the bank, which chanced to go down the funnel into the engine room and powder magazine, and all the crew but one man were killed.

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Upon what appears to be the most reliable information it may be stated that a well organized movement is now on foot looking to the formation of a new party, to be composed of the conservative and moderate men of both the Democratic and Republican parties.

The statement must not be confounded with the one published a few days ago, reporting to give an account of a meeting which was alleged to have been held denouncing President Hayes, and giving sympathy and support to Senator Blaine.

The "Heavenly Chinese" Style. The National Board of Fire Underwriters has issued its annual manifesto against the use of fireworks and fire-crackers in the celebration of the Fourth of July, and in its report of last year, says that the use of fireworks has occasioned a direct loss, by fire, of more than one hundred dollars.

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Senator Morton on the Situation. KELLOGG'S RIGHT TO A SEAT IN THE SENATE NOT IMPAIRED—APOLOGIZING FOR HAYES.

TRIALS AND FOLLY, May 25.—Senator Morton, to-day, publishes a long letter, of which the most salient features are given in the following summary: "At the meeting of the Senate on the 6th of March last, William Pitt Kellogg of Louisiana presented himself for membership upon credentials that some weeks before had been read before the Senate and laid upon the table."

The Committee on Privileges and Elections met, and the Republican members united in a report that prima facie S. R. Packard was the lawful Governor of Louisiana, the Legislature was the lawful Legislature, and that William P. Kellogg had been elected in conformity to the act of Congress, and was entitled to be sworn in and take his seat.

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Important to Surveyors. An Act to provide for the establishment of true meridian lines, and of standard measures for surveyors' chains; and to regulate the practice of surveying in this Commonwealth.

WHEREAS, It is known that on account of the variation of the magnetic needle from the true pole of the earth, much difficulty and uncertainty exist in ascertaining and tracing the lines of old surveys:

Sec. 1. Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania in General Assembly met, and it is hereby enacted by the authority of the same, That the county commissioners of the several counties of this Commonwealth be and they are hereby authorized and directed within two years from and after the passage of this act, to cause to be marked and established, on some inalienable property belonging to the county, or on such property as the commissioners of the county may hereafter acquire for that purpose, at or near the seat of justice of the several counties, a true meridian line, and a fixed standard measure of a two foot pole chain, agreeing with and made after the fashion of the standard yard now in the office of the Secretary of the Commonwealth; and the cost thereof to be paid out of the respective county treasuries.

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Have We an Army? It became a very serious and very important Constitutional question whether Mr. Hayes, in his proposed attempt to support the Federal army upon credit until Congress shall make the needed appropriation for its maintenance, is not assuming an authority wholly unwarranted by the Constitution.

By an express provision of the Constitution no appropriation of money for the use of the army shall be for a longer period than two years, and we believe that at least one member of the Supreme Court has expressed the opinion that the moment the money appropriated for the use of the army is exhausted there is a virtual disbanding of it.

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Items. Hon. George H. Boker, Minister to Russia, has resigned.

The oldest cod fishers say that this is the best year for those fish since 1856.

The Grand Com mandery of the Knights Templar of the State met at Lancaster Tuesday night.

Ten thousand Canadians have offered their services to the English Government in the case of war with Russia.

The Mission to Brazil has been twice offered to ex-Senator Logan, of Illinois, and he has declined it each time.

Within the past two years the valuation of Boston for purposes of taxation has been reduced \$100,000,000.

Fletcher Harper, the last of the well known firm of Harper Brothers, died, on Tuesday, in New York, aged 72.

Ten Brock, the famous running horse, has made the best 1 mile, 2 mile, 3 mile and 4 mile time on record. His two mile time at Louisville on Tuesday was 2:27 the fastest by three seconds ever made.

A freight train on the Pennsylvania railroad, just beyond the Hackensack river in New Jersey, backed into a hand car, on Tuesday, and killed four men who were distributing ties.

A warrant was issued, on Monday for the execution of Thomas Daily, of Schuylkill county, on the 21st of June. On the same day James Molly Maguire will be hanged at Pottsville, and four others at Match Clunk.

The little schooner New Bedford, 29 feet long, and a little over 13 tons burthen has sailed from New Bedford for London. It is the smallest vessel which has ever attempted to cross the Atlantic. The crew are Captain Cripps and his wife.

It was decided at the Cabinet meeting on Tuesday that the Secretary of State should notify the Mexican Government that it must prevent the raids into Texas, otherwise our military in Texas will be instructed to pursue the raiders into Mexico.

The Hanover broker, owned by the Lehigh and Wilkes-Barre coal company, and worked by Chas. Parish & Co., at Hanover, seven miles from Wilkes-Barre, was burned on Wednesday afternoon. It was valued at \$85,000. It is believed that the structure was fired by lightning.

The Republican State Committee met in Harrisburg, last Tuesday, and selected that city for the place for holding the Republican State Convention on the 29th of August next. Efforts were made to have Williamsport and Wilkes-Barre chosen but they were unavailing.