

The Columbian.

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MR. HAYES AND HIS PARTY.

The Republicans of Iowa and New Hampshire have held State Conventions, but the proceedings of these bodies are not of a nature to afford any particular gratification to R. H. Hayes...

These bold expressions of want of confidence in Mr. Hayes bodes ill for the success of the party in the coming elections. In such strongholds of Republicanism as Iowa disaffection prevails, it is more than probable that it exists in other places with more or less force.

Mr. Hayes must derive a very small amount of comfort indeed in looking over the field, and will probably be convinced that the machine politicians, by whose aid he was put into the White House, are after all necessary to his support.

It is the deliberate opinion of the London Times that "After Washington, General Grant is the President who will occupy the largest place in the history of the United States."

The Republicans have had two legal elections. For a while Lincoln was a second Washington, but he was afterwards dubbed a "saint," and Grant becomes the "venerable old man."

The truculent President of Hayes, follows this by saying: "In its efforts to reduce governmental expenditures the National Administration has already perfected a number of notable changes."

On the 4th of March, 1877, there were 3,990 employees in the Treasury Department at Washington. One-third of this number have already been discharged by the President.

It ignores the fact that these reductions of expenses were made by a Democratic House. But what a commentary it is on its "second Washington,"—General Grant!

The crossing of the Danube by the Russians is the virtual beginning of the campaign. The bombardment of Rastibuk by the Germans, French and Austrian consulates were destroyed by the Russian shells.

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It is probable that in a few days further there will be a decisive conflict on the Danube, which will materially affect the future conduct of the campaign.

HONEST MR. HAYES. A correspondent of the New York Sun says that "it was an open secret at Washington last winter that two certificates of deposit, five thousand dollars each (\$5,000), were deposited by Zach Chandler, and by him endorsed, and made payable to R. B. Hayes, and endorsed by R. B. Hayes and paid, were in existence."

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HOW WAS CHRIST CRUCIFIED?

A San Francisco correspondent of the Baltimore Sun writes as follows on that paper: "An admirable picture of the crucifixion on Calvary has been exhibited for criticism and correction before taking it abroad. It is full size. The cross differs from all extant pictures. In height it is but little taller than a man. Midway is a projecting saddle, upon which the person sits astride. Irones, Justin and Tertullian so describe it. Modern artists have omitted this, but it is obvious that the outstretched arms could not maintain, nor could the nailed hands have supported, the body at normally represented. All historians say the legs were driven through the feet, as through the hands. There is no mention of a foot rest, but the artist has supplied one, because the feet cannot be spread without. The inscription on the cross, affixed to the top, is purposely and ingeniously illegible, because of four gospels gives it differently. There being no record of personal appearance, every one is at liberty to draw on his imagination. Here the artist exhibits consummate skill. A more spiritual countenance we never saw. The head is reclined, as expiring. The hair is auburn, long, and in ringlets. The person is spare and of short stature. At the foot of the cross are the executioners of the law. No one is represented as piercing the side with a spear. Nor are there any connections, as Mary and John, present, this being a direct contradiction of the three synoptic gospels. It is usual to show blood flowing from the wounds in the hands and feet. This is omitted, because history tells us that wrought iron, being our best styptic, instantly stops the flow of blood. It is popularly supposed that the crucifixion consisted in the shedding of blood. Paul makes this indispensable. Yet it is a mistake. A slight cut on a schoolboy's finger sheds more blood. Death results from exhaustion, not from bleeding.

There are several marginal pictures illustrating various miracles and other scriptural stories. Perhaps the most striking, and certainly the most artistic, represents Jesus Christ on the place of execution by a lovely miniature exulting in his fate. The central figure is clothed in scarlet, according to Matthew, in preference to purple, which Mark and John say was the color. And the man of Nazareth hangs majestically as to a voluntary sacrifice. It is usual, and almost indispensable to public taste, to show him bearing his cross and bowed down beneath the burden, according to John. But the artist, following the three synoptic gospels, which deny John's story, shows Simon carrying the cross, a stout plebeian, who walks uprightly. The artist considers it one that merits his painting over others, that it is true to history, according to the plainest and most consistent non-sectarian interpretation.

WASHINGTON, June 30.—It has been known that the recent order of the President forbidding Federal officers from participating in political conventions or taking an active interest in politics received the approval of all the members of the Cabinet. Some members, notably Mr. Sherman, maintain that the President has no idea of adopting a policy which would exclude those persons from Federal appointments who make themselves efficient as political workers.

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Justice to Mr. Buchanan.

The Editor of THE SUN.—Sir, In a letter addressed to THE SUN of the 15th inst., by Joseph L. Topham, Esq., I find the following statement: "Mr. Buchanan took ground that the States had no right to secede from the Union, and also the counter ground that the Federal Government had no constitutional power to coerce them to remain in the Union."

Failing to make further explanation of Mr. Buchanan's views, which was necessary in order to do the deceased statesman full justice, Mr. Topham leaves the inference to be drawn that Mr. Buchanan believed that there was no way by which the Union could be preserved in the event of an attempted secession by the people of a State, but that it must be destroyed, for want of constitutional power to preserve it.

For nearly twenty years it has been charged upon Mr. Buchanan, by his political enemies, that if an attempt were made by the people of a State to leave the Union, there was no constitutional power to coerce them to remain in the Union and therefore he would not permit the Union to be dissolved without an effort to prevent it.

It is quite true that this calumny upon Mr. Buchanan was repelled, and justice done to his memory. Mr. Buchanan never held the doctrine that, if the people of a State should attempt to withdraw from the Union, there was no constitutional power to compel them to remain in the Union. He held just the reverse. He held that as a State is a sovereign entity, could it secede from the Union, but always remained in it, whatever its people might do; that the Union is perpetual and supreme in the sphere of the powers delegated to it by the Constitution; and that it had nothing to do with the political organizations called the States, but that it had power over the people of the States, and could compel them to obedience to the laws of the Union, by force if necessary.

This doctrine would retain the States perpetually in the Union, and if their people should rebel, or resist the laws of the Union, would compel them to obey and reduce them to obedience. And when that was done, it would be as a matter of course, that their political relations to the Union would be as before restored, the States to which they belonged never having been out of the Union.

This was Mr. Buchanan's doctrine. It is the sound and true, and it will add, the wise and patriotic doctrine. If it had been recognized as true, the fallacious and mischievous doctrine of State suicide and reconstruction, and all the cost and trouble to the people of the South, it has occasioned, would have been avoided.

The doctrine which holds that the Union by the constitutional compact is perpetual, is forever intact, and cannot be dissolved; and that the people of the States in rebellion, insurrection, or resistance to the laws of the Union, may be conquered and coerced by force into obedience to the Union; and that the moment they cease their resistance to the Union and become obedient and peaceable citizens, their political relations to the Union are precisely the same as before their resistance to its supremacy, cannot be regarded as an unconstitutional, nor an unsafe doctrine.

Mr. Buchanan was not alone in the open propagation of this doctrine. It was also held and advocated in the United States Senate by ex-President Johnson.

The facts above stated can be unequivocally established if disputed.

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Important Personal.

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The Next Congress. A copy has been made of the pay certificates for the Forty-fifth Congress, as furnished by Clerk Adams to Sergeant-at-Arms Thompson, and constituting his vouchers in connection with the United States Treasury, and given to some Republican papers as the gift of the next House made out by Adams. The list shows a Democratic majority of six with seven members to be elected. No further changes have been made, and none will be until the time comes for making up the roll. What that will be no one yet knows. In the Colorado case the law is all against Belford, and Patterson's title to the seat turns on the construction of an enabling act. The Supreme Court of California has given Pacheco, Republican, the seat in the Fourth District of that State, and Wiggins has appealed. The contest in the courts over the Third District in Missouri is in much the same shape. The recorder of Florida, and the Fourth and Sixth Districts of Louisiana are covered by conflicting certificates from the rival Governors. Adams will probably follow the example set by Hayes in this matter, and recognize Nicholls as the Democratic Congressman.

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The Spirit of Beeching, in discussing the subject of the approaching Berks county agricultural fair, makes the following suggestions which are worth thinking about: "By way of adding as well to the attractiveness as the utility of the coming and subsequent fairs, the features which give interest and importance to the annual fairs of the market towns of England and the Jahrbauer of the provincial towns of Germany should be adopted with us. We mean, the making of the fairs a market in the real sense of the word, for the sale and exchange of the various fruits of the soil, improved breeds of live stock and products of domestic industry. No impediment in the way of municipal licenses and government taxation exists to prevent or obstruct the free sale or interchange of such commodities as are actually produced and raised by the exhibitors themselves residing within the county in which the fair is held. The payment of a small fee to the society by those who wish to sell what they bring to the fair, might or might not be asked for that privilege, as the consideration of the question in all its bearings would show to be expedient. Our fair ground, apart from the other incidents which have hitherto commended its exhibitions to the public favor, would put on fresh and novel attractions as a grand farmer's bazaar which could not fail to popularize it more and more and materially enlarge the sphere of its usefulness. This was the leading idea and purpose of the fairs of the olden time and although they were since abandoned, it by no means follows that their revival would be untimely or profitless. Many of the most popular of our modern contrivances for the public benefit and improvement are but ancient customs under another phase.

A Pen Portrait of the Secretary of State.