

The Land League has now become, to all appearance, one of the most formidable political and social organizations ever known in Ireland. The times and circumstances must have been favorable to it, or it could not have achieved such success.

The New York World may possibly believe what it asserts about Hayes having entered the Presidency under circumstances not at all creditable to himself, but it must be admitted that among outside barbarians there is a world of doubt on that very questionable subject.

This long discussed question, almost as interminable as the Eastern question, or that other subject, the occupation of Dulegno, whether Gen. Miles or Gen. Hazen would be appointed to succeed the late Gen. Myers, "Old Probabilities," as Chief of the Service Bureau, was settled by Mr. Hayes on Monday last by the appointment of General Hazen. He has the good luck of being an Ohio man, which is a sure passport to a general favor.

Mr. Hayes' message, delivered to Congress on Monday last, is fearfully and wonderfully long, filling thirteen columns of the Johnstown Tribune of that evening's issue. Much of it, of course, like all similar documents, might as well not have been written, and is more a matter of form than of substance. If our eye comes across a condensed synopsis of the material portions of this last and lengthy deliverance of Mr. Hayes, as we hope it will, we will publish it in the present issue.

Those who read accounts of what is now transpiring in Ireland between landowners and their tenants in reference to payment of rents, frequently seen in the columns of news of letters having lately received by a landowner threatening him that if he did not within a given time accept "Griffith's valuation" as a standard between himself and his tenants, his body would soon be food for a Christmas dinner for worms, or threats of a similar nature. The only explanation we have yet seen of "Griffith's valuation" is contained in the annexed paragraph, and we publish it for the benefit of whom it may concern:

"Sir Richard Griffith's valuation," at which we have recently been here, is a valuation made in the year 1850 by Sir Richard John Griffith, LL.D., of Dublin, and his son, Mr. W. H. Griffith, of London, and completed in 1857. From 1851 to 1857 he was Chairman of the Board of Public Works in Ireland.

The prospectus of the New York Sun for 1881 will be found in another part of our paper. The reputation of the Sun as one of the most independent daily and weekly journals in the country is so well recognized and established that any attempt on our part to add to it would be superfluous. An exceptional merit of the Sun is that it presents to its readers the news of the world in a condensed shape—always, however, taking care to retain its pith and substance. While it is not a Democratic paper in the party acceptance of that term, it always defends the man and measures of the Democratic party when it comes into power, and as far as our eyes then, when it helps them to be wrong. It is the sworn foe of all "ring,"—the "ring" for monopoly; the ring for plunder, and the rings for imperial power." There is no cheaper or more useful newspaper for a farmer than the weekly edition of the Sun.

The New Era, the organ of the anti-Cambridge element of the Republican party in Lancaster county, in referring to the election of United States Senator by the approaching Legislature says: "So far from Galusha A. Grow is the only man with a national reputation whose name has been mentioned in connection with the office. All the rest are little nimrods compared with him." This is rough and decidedly rough—on Quay, Hoyt and the rest of us, and especially so on Cessna, who is rather inclined, of course, by the Johnstown Tribune as "one of the bravest men in the state." It is also a severe threat at Gen. J. K. Moorehead, who is championed by the Pittsburgh Dispatch, as a man with a prominent national reputation, and a man greatly gifted with the utilities of a modest education. We think it more than probable that those "little nimrods" will succeed in driving the New Era's Senate election into a watery grave, and following up the result until he is hopelessly stranded.

It is not often that the first Wednesday of December comes before the first Monday of the same month, but it happened to be so this year, the first day of the month falling on Wednesday. That fact produced a very stupid mudle in reference to the electoral law of Georgia. "Act of Congress, which is binding upon all the States, directs that the Electoral College of the States shall meet on the first Wednesday of December, and a foolish law of Georgia provides for the meeting of the Electors the first Monday of December (this year the ninth of the month) to cast their votes on the following Wednesday (this year the eighth)." Governor Colquitt said his call for the meeting of the Electors in accordance with the State law, requiring them to meet fast Monday, which is after the time fixed by Congress for casting the vote. We do not know whether the Electors east the vote of the State on Wednesday of this week or not. If they did, we suppose that when the Senate and House meet in October to count the vote of all the States, the vote of Georgia will be received. A furious snow storm in Wisconsin in December, 1866, prevented the Electors of that State from getting to the Capital and casting the vote of the State on the day fixed by the act of Congress. But the Senate and House allowed the vote of the State to be counted for Friday, as it would not change the result.

Souls of the Republican organs are, or rather profess to be, very much excited just now over a terrible Democratic "plot" to divide Texas. They assert that "it is the extension of the Democrats of that State to divide the Lone Star into three States, each one of which would of course send two Senators to the United States Senate." There is nothing alarming in this "plot," even if it had any existence, for the joint resolution to which the Senate and House agreed to, and which was passed by the Senate on the following Wednesday (this year the eighth), Governor Colquitt said his call for the meeting of the Electors in accordance with the State law, requiring them to meet fast Monday, which is after the time fixed by Congress for casting the vote. We do not know whether the Electors east the vote of the State on Wednesday of this week or not.

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