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ENDORING THE ADMINISTRATION.

With a surprising unanimity, which suggests orders of a field marshal to his different lieutenants, the thick and thin Republican newspapers have opposed the Electoral Bill lately passed.

Their action warrants the assumption, either that the managers of the Louisiana return-tinklers are afraid to submit their cause to the decision of an impartial and fairly constituted tribunal or that they fear that it will not possibly be a success.

There are some people in our country who must not learn that the question of the hour is not whether Mr. Tilden or Mr. Hayes shall occupy the Presidential chair.

It is of vastly greater importance that the voters should be enabled to elect a President who will administer the Government with impartiality and fairness.

The kind of nobleman at present in demand is an honest count.

Mr. Wheeler, please reverse yourself in the next issue.

Mr. Wheeler may have changed his mind about returning Board Wells, but Gen. Sheridan hasn't. He has told the President what he thinks of the old rascal.

They are down six hundred and seventy-five feet after oil at Benneville, Elk county and intend to double on that measure before they stop. There's spunk for ye!

The Supreme Court of the United States has adjourned until the 19th instant, owing to the fact that five of the Justices will be engaged as members of the Electoral Tribunal.

The Hoosier tunnel according to the report of the Auditor of Massachusetts, just submitted to the Legislature, has cost a matter of seventeen million dollars. Isn't that paying pretty dearly for a bore?

Mr. Mackay has been re-elected one of the President of the State Agricultural Society.

Well, if this election business is not checked, and Mackay lives long enough, the people in this district will elect him to Congress again. Just as like as not.

THE DEMOCRAT.—Supposing the proposition to mobilize the militia and place things on a war footing had come from a Democratic State instead of Pennsylvania, how Morton would have howled about "the shadow of intimidation!"

We notice that our Legislature has a bill before it prohibiting hunting and fishing for ten years. Suppose you try it for three, and if you can "hold the fort" that long, then extend. Don't knock all the virtue out of the bill by making it too long.

SENATOR.—House Bill No. 100, at Harrisburg, is the most sensible document that has originated in that body, unless it is the one relating to the drawing of the members' salary. It regulates the tax on banks, which now costs fifteen per cent. to get it into the Treasury, which should not cost three per cent.

The Clinton Democrat says: "Moody and Sankey, at their recent revival in Chicago, had among their converts Hon. Alexander McDonald, formerly of this county and at one time a Senator in Congress from Arkansas." Well, there is no man on earth who needed reconstruction worse than "Alex." His carpet bag career down South needs a blanket thrown over it.

THAT RECORD.—Another bundle of this document came to hand Saturday, Feb. 24, being two copies of No. 22 (one of 28), 29, 30, 31 and 32 containing the proceedings of the Legislature from the 25th to the 30th of January. Why do the "pasters and folders" run the Senate, or the Senate the pasters and folders? Or, since we will see whether this document cannot be mailed as common sense would dictate.

ANOTHER SALE ON HAND.—We learn that the "76ers are trying to restore their deceased organ at Ocoola. Democrats should give this movement a wide berth, those especially who have been bulldozed on or twice already. A burnt child should fear the fire.

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SECOND-HANDED SNOBBERY.

The conduct of our military leaders in this State during the past year, which we find partly on record in the Adjutant General's report, when persecuted by sensible tax-payers, most astonished them. In the first place they plundered the State of a quarter million dollars, and among other things they badly imitated the Kings, Emperors, etc., of Europe, by issuing such snobbish orders, of which the following is a sample:

(GENERAL ORDER, No. 1.) During the continuance of the Centennial Exposition, permission is hereby granted all members of National Guard from other States to pass through and remain within the limits of the Commonwealth, as often, and as long as they may desire.

(GENERAL ORDER, No. 2.) There was ever more tomfoolery pressed into the same number of lines in a Republic? It is a very poor imitation of Napoleon and Bismark, but for men who have been born and educated in the Keystone State of the Union, it is the most complete school of robbery ever attempted on this Continent; and on top of all this knavery, these are the men who denounce "state rights" as a heresy. Why it a European, contemplating emigration to this country for the purpose of escaping from a Kingdom or Monarchy would read this document, he would naturally come to the conclusion that he had better remain in the hands of such rulers instead of transferring himself into the hands of cheap snobs.

P. S. For further particulars, read page 107 etc. of the Adjutant General's report, and examine the document generally, and see how those military vipers are contemplating to plunder the State.

LET THE SENATOR SPEAK AGAIN.—When John Sherman, United States Senator from Ohio, returned from his visit to New Orleans, he informed the world that J. Madison Wells, President of the Returning Board, was "one of the most upright and high-toned gentlemen in the State of Louisiana." Did Sherman tell a deliberate lie, or was he misinformed, which Judge Whitaker, of the New Orleans criminal court, last week, instructed the grand jury to receive an indictment on the evidence framed against ex-Governor J. Madison Wells, President of the Returning Board, for forgery and perjury. We believe Mr. Hayes—or was it the good President Grant—said something once upon a time to the effect that no man could afford to accept the Presidency if his election was tainted with fraud. Senator Sherman ought to stand up in his place in the Senate and tell the people one more what a good and true man this J. Madison Wells is. We hope Senator Sherman will rise and explain, now that this "high-toned gentleman" has put his foot in it.

N. G. OF PENNA.—Representative Tate has our thanks for a copy of the Adjutant General's Report for 1876. This department, which has, until recently, cost the tax-payers of the Commonwealth but a very small sum of money, "got away" with a quarter million dollars last year, and the recent bill manufactured at Washington and sent over to Harrisburg, and there passed a Radical caucus, designs to appropriate ONE MILLION DOLLARS out of the Treasury for the purpose of supporting a small ring of military vipers during the next year. Reader, do you observe how greedy this gang has become? Last year they demanded only \$250,000, now \$1,000,000. Is a little too thick, is it not? And yet when you read the title under which the bill has gathered only in the proportion of 11 to 100. The friends of Mr. Blaine, in Maine, have crept along at the rate of 7 per cent, their adversaries have made 171 per cent. In Vermont the Republicans have 6, the Democrats 68 per cent. increase. In Maine, New Hampshire and Rhode Island, the Democratic increase almost, not quite, doubles the Republican increase. Here it must be remembered, population does not increase so rapidly as in the West, but at the rate of progress since 1872, before the next Presidential contest the Democrats will have four of those six New England States by a majority of 69,000. In the nine great industrial and manufacturing States of the Northern belt, from the Hudson to the Mississippi, the aggregate increased vote was 792,000, of which 471,000 was Democratic, and 260,000 Republican. Not one of those States was Democratic in 1872, but four, New Jersey, New York, Indiana, and West Virginia, are largely so now. At the same rate of increase in all, every one will be Democratic before 1880. In the aggregate vote of 800,000 given by the States of the far West, beyond the Mississippi, the increase has been 234,000, of which 168,000 were won by the opposition and 115,000 by the Administration. But even there the disproportion in the rate of increase was kept up, for it was still 49 per cent, on the Democratic and 36 per cent. on the Republican vote. If the same relative increase is maintained, the Democrats will have three of those States, with a good prospect for two others, at the next Presidential contest. In the border States the increase has been 40 per cent. Democratic and 81 per cent. Republican. In the eight Southern States the Democrats have gained 174,000, and the Republicans 42,000.

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PETROFF AS INDICATOR.—In a speech in the Legislature the other day Hubn, of Philadelphia, Harry Hubn, the Captain of the city ruffians, said: "The time has passed when the Representatives of Philadelphia are to be aspersed on this floor and their every movement viewed with suspicion." Hubn's own presence in the Legislature is an answer to his assertion, and if any other member of the Philadelphia members of that body last session in defying the law, by sitting upon the floor, he would have been expelled from the House.

This is the title of House Bill No. 57, and has passed first reading in that body. We have had late in Acts of Assembly effecting personal interests. They seldom improve personal interests. The man who charges illegal rates of interest for the loan of his money, is no more than the individual who charges the purchaser one dollar for a bushel of apples when the market price is only fifty cents. No human law can control that class of men, and the only kind of control usually, is to refuse to deal with him and trade with men who obey the law, and are at least partially honest.

The bill, as reported, reads as follows, and it is in the public no harm to pass it, however