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Readers, if you want to know what is going on in the business world, just read our advertising column, the Special column in particular.

Do not fail to read our first and fourth pages this week, as well as our second and third.

"The Wickedest Town in America," by Eli Perkins, found on our fourth page is good reading for parents who have sons who intend to "go West."

FIXED.—The Radical State Committee met at Harrisburg on Friday last, and fixed upon Harrisburg, as the place and Wednesday August 29th as the time for holding their State Convention.

THE EASTERN QUESTION.—We have no particulars about the European war. It seems that the preparations are going forward, so that when the foe does meet, the slaughter must be awful. The Turks have made the blockade of the Russian port on the Black Sea as effectual as possible, and have notified all nations of the fact.

A JURORS RESPONSIBILITY.—Recent jurors may learn something to their advantage by reading Judge Hall's opinion on that subject. Many persons suppose it is a trivial affair for a jury not to agree to a verdict, or one or more to recant after a verdict has been agreed upon. Those who want information on that subject will find it on our first page.

A BACK DOWN.—The fact that the Radicals of this State have for sixteen years held their State Convention, previous to the Democratic Convention, and now fix the time three weeks after, is an admission of weakness on the part of the majority, or rather the ruling party, that shrewd managers should have concealed. The breach made in the party ranks of the opposition cannot be healed, no difference how long their Convention is postponed.

A fire in Montreal, Canada, on the 30th ult., destroyed sixty houses at a loss of \$150,000.

The Chicago Tribune is pleased that one man has been found—Wayne MacVeagh—who is not afraid to talk to Ben Butler.

The Ohio Democrats are about the best feeling fellows now, without appointments. Our party friends are determined to carry the Buckeye State in October.

The scandal about General Harrison Allen, late Auditor General, and his wife, is having a good run in the newspapers. Both had better go and hide—withdraw from society, or "go west."

TRUE.—George W. Curtis, editor of Harper's Weekly, concedes that the Democrats will have a "solid South" in 1880, and it makes no difference what policy Mr. Hayes may pursue. The fates have regulated and settled that question.

Postmaster General Key had the floor long enough the other day to announce that he is still a Democrat. Well, that may be so; but he keeps mighty queer company for a Democrat. It would be of doubtful propriety for a virtuous man to lounge about an assignation house for any length of time, and then proclaim that he is virtuous still.

Hayes has again been imposed upon. He appointed a fellow named Anderson to a Cadetship, as he supposed, from his Ohio home, but now it turns out that he is a Maine Louisiana carpet-bagger of the very meanest type, and had served a term in the penitentiary, at that. His commission has been revoked. We hope "the government" will keep its eyes skinned for such fellows as Butler, Anderson & Co.

SAD NEWS.—A Washington telegram states that ex-Governor Chamberlain arrived here from South Carolina. He says that while Hampton is doing better than any one in keeping the pledges which led to his establishment in power, the Democratic party are disregarding the pledges entirely. His late visit satisfied him that nothing more is to be expected from the Republican party in that State. What a pity!

IMPORTANT ARREST.—Pittsburg, May 29.—E. D. Robbins, Superintendent of the St. Louis distillery when the crooked whisky operations took place in which McKee, Joyce and others were implicated, was arrested yesterday at St. Petersburg, Clarion county, by a detective. Robbins was the most important witness of the government and forfeited \$5,000 bail. His whereabouts was only recently discovered. He was taken to St. Louis last night.

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The Pennsylvania Railroad Company, on the 1st of June, reduced the wages of every officer and employe who was receiving over one dollar per day, ten per cent. We would rather it were reduced to the extent of the Altona Tribune on this subject. "We would rather it were not so, but there comes up in the history of our country a certain principle of government which is the inalienable governing principle of our business. The Pennsylvania Railroad Company has reached that stage of depression in the country, that a reduction of wages is an imperative necessity in order that its credit be not impaired, and its capital imperiled. The continued pressure of the shrinkage of value, and the cessation of work in the mining and manufacturing regions, the falling off in merchandise, and the reduced consumption felt in all parts of the country, have affected carrying companies receipts more seriously than those of any other combination, for the reason that the personal and real property involved in conducting such operations require an amount of capital second only to that which is used to carry on the government, State or National. Of all the roads in the country, the Pennsylvania has been the most liberal and paternal in its action towards its employes of all grades. This company has never had a difficulty of any consequence with its manual labor since its existence, while the employes of other companies have had angry disputes, and destructive collisions with their, causing great loss to the stockholders and immense expense to the State, by way of military interference before they were ended. This company, since its existence, has never been compelled to ask the authorities to interfere between it and its employes, and has never had a general "strike" along its line. This is the proper time to address such facts; that the employes may be reminded of the past, when the condition of business justified the company in rewarding them liberally for their services, so that they may understand fully that the present reduction is the effect of counter influences, growing out of conditions of business diametrically different from those of ordinary prosperity. Those who know Col. Scott, and particularly the railroaders who have been connected with him for years, will understand how long he has waited, and how reluctant he must have been to recommend a reduction of this kind. He was forced to it by pressures to which men less sympathetic with the industry with which he has been associated for years, would have yielded long since. He only gave way after every effort had been tried; after the regions where freight is usually carried had failed in their production, maintaining his road in the meantime, by economy which did not effect its labor, so that when this reduction came, it was because every business consideration made it necessary, and no human power could longer avert it. This the whole community understands and appreciates, and this those who are directly affected by Col. Scott's last circular, should accept cheerfully as the ruling of inexorable financial condition.

THE WICKED STEAMER.—Particulars of the loss of the Pacific Mail Steamship, "City of San Francisco," have been received. She left Panama on the morning of the 11th ult., with one hundred and thirty-two passengers and a cargo valued at \$750,000. On the morning of the 16th, the atmosphere being bright and clear, she suddenly struck a hidden rock, not marked upon any chart. She was then about thirteen miles from land, and her head was at once turned toward the shore. In twenty minutes her fires were put out, her hull being out for a length of sixty feet, but she ran for forty-two minutes, making a distance of nine or ten miles, when she grounded in thirty feet of water on a sandy bottom. Her passengers were all landed safely, though every boat was capsized when it reached the surf. The conduct of the ship's officers and behavior of the passengers seem to have been admirable. The shipwrecked people spent the night in open air, but were next day taken off by the gun-boat "Mexican" and transferred to the Pacific mail steamer, "Costa Rica," which has touched at San Diego for coal. The salvation of two hundred and eighty-five persons on this occasion, was a miracle. Their rescue was really an accident.

THE BRIMMING COAL TRADE.—From a copy of Seward's annual compilation of the coal trade of the United States, we gather the following statistics showing the extent of the bituminous coal business for the two past years:

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OVERBOARD.—The chief clerk of the paymaster's department who was removed by Don Cameron when appointed Secretary of War last summer, has been restored by Secretary McCrary, and Cameron's name has been dismissed. Cameron influence seems to be dying out in Washington, although it seems to be improving throughout this State. The fact that the Radical stronghold refuse to pass resolutions in their county conventions, endorsing Hayes' policy, is conclusive that all is not right inside the Radical wig-wag. There are some loose cannons somewhere, and we have no objections if a few more become so.

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The best lecturer on this subject has recorded his remarks in Harper's Weekly, for many years. But it is evident from an article under the above caption which appeared in the issue of the 23 of June, that an etic has been administered to the editor of that civilizing organ, and he now writes:

According to the course of certain journalists and the Morton's, Butler's, etc. he says: "The course of the Republican papers which seeks in every way to create doubt and distrust in the mind of the Administration has not only no logical result, and that in part by division of general policy. This is a result which patriotic and intelligent American men contemplate with scornful disdain."

"Pleasure or patience," is good strong and true, and what astonishes us is that he did not write thus for the past twelve years, and not allow himself to be "entrenched in pride, prejudice, and tradition" to such an extent that for many years he has out-herded even those who now reproach for manufacturing bloody shirt stories. In alluding to the closing of the war, which he assisted so largely in bringing on, and afterwards literally held ropes in place and position, he continues:

"It was the part of true patriotism from that moment to provide that the injustice and hardship that most necessarily, under the circumstances, should be met as high as possible, the greatest principle of human society and of good government should be constantly remembered."

Most excellent advice, had it been given in 1865. Was it ignorance or demagoguism that withheld it. But the editor proceeds in his converted state, to tell a few more substantial truths, something he has not been in the habit of doing while discussing politics, and most successfully does he rain all the ground work for another "bloody shirt" campaign in this way:

"As for the 'solid South,' he is a dull observer of events who supposes, after seeing the course of things from 1865 to 1876 in the Southern States, that there would not have been a 'solid South' in 1880 under any circumstances. The President's course has neither hastened nor delayed that result. But it has done very much to take the real sting and peril from that result by giving the result, in intelligent Southern leaders, that the 'North' is not 'solid' in sectional hostility, but that the characteristic sentiment of this part of the country, which is Republican, recognizes that, with the disappearance of slavery, the only reason for the South's going is gone. We certainly do not expect that political leaders and followers in the Southern States will suddenly desert their party organizations and names because the President pursued a course which they long detested, and cordially approve. But, on the other hand, we do not suppose that the Democratic leaders have any sinister policy of vengeance, the fear of which leads them to play some Republican mimic, if they ever were not so before. The Union and the Government as some Republicans assume, they had their opportunity in the last days of February. We do not deny that great distress upon the Southern leaders sprang from the thought of the result, but we do not admit that it is largely proved to have been mistaken. That there are angry and hateful elements in the population of the Southern States, and other large cities, and that they are resolved to resist, we do not deny. But he is resolutely unreasonable who insists that the leadership of HILL and LAMAR and GORDON and GIBBS is spread by angry and hateful passions and purposes, because there have been persecutions and massacres of negroes in the Southern States. Nothing is plainer than that the perception upon the part of such men as we name, that the intelligence and representative character of the Republican North, which they return have been generous to distrust, are cordial and generous and sympathetic, will tend to detach them from the angry and hateful spirit around them."

No more untimely and wretched words can be done than to excite Republican hostility against "the South" AS A SECTION. Our politics become simply revolutionary and intolerable when one party regards the other not as an opponent, but as an enemy, and that as a deadly enemy of the government itself. To insist, by carefully citing only crimes and disorders in the Southern States, THAT THE WHITE POLICE CAN NEVER BE TRUSTED TO GREAT FAITHFULNESS WITH NEGROES, IS NEARLY TO FAN AND PROLONG THE HOSTILITY OF WHICH THE NEGRO IS THE VICTIM. IF THERE BE NO HOPE FOR THE SOUTHERN NEGRO EXCEPT FROM THE MILITARY FORCE OF THE UNITED STATES, THEN THE REPUBLICAN PARTY DEWEAVED THE MILITARY HAND FROM EVERY SOUTHERN STATE BUT THREE."

It is easy to see now if it was not during the campaign, that there is a deep and general impatience, not mere partisan game of politics, and a rapidly growing feeling that the Southern question has been often agitated for personal and political, not for the sake and patriotism of the country. The political situation of last year could not have continued, and the present steady, sagacious, patriotic rather than partisan, Administration is the most fortunate that the country could have had. It cannot be justly charged by a party victory or defeat upon the other. The list is not in the satisfaction of ardent partisans, but in the general feeling of the country. And what that feeling is, can be doubted."

The bloody shirt slang-whangers will no doubt be astonished at the revision of the above writer to the true faith, and who has furnished them for years nearly all the stuff they retailed heretofore. This article destroys every text and speech uttered by the Radical stamper during the last campaign and brands them as liars and demagogues of the lowest grade. The small capitals and italics are ours. We hope Mr. Curtis will give us more of his "civilization" views.

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A NEW VERDICT.—It has been universally conceded that the Louisiana Returning Board and Bradley and Strong, foisted Hayes into the Presidential chair. But some Radical Pittsburgh has taken a trip down South and met that "bloody handed rebel" Longstreet, and he informed the gentleman from Iowa, that Providence did it. Now, if the General told the truth, how can the case be reached by a writ of quo warrantu, or any other process? Gen. Longstreet's story put a new face on the case, but it will not cover the fraud by shifting the responsibility.

A BIT OF IRONY.—The Selinerve Times man in alluding to the material for candidates for the State offices this fall, edges in this way: "Clinton, Cretz, Allegheny and Erie counties can furnish all the candidates the Democratic party needs, and the Democrats in other parts of the State need not trouble themselves about hunting up candidates. In case these counties cannot meet the demands of the market, a few others might be counted in, say, Clearfield, Montgomery, Columbia, Luzerne and two or three others. But Clinton, Erie and Allegheny we judge will suffice."

THE YORK DAILY SAYS: "A gentleman from the lower end of the county informs us that several nights ago a party of five or six young men in disguise entered the house of a colored man by the name of Charles Hartman and took from bed a woman named Eliza McInley, who was keeping house for Hartman, and dragged her out of doors and disrobed and tarred her. In attempting to protect her Hartman was knocked down with a club, and the villains made their escape. The woman wore a white skin."

A PATRIOT'S VIEW.—Gov. McCree of Kentucky in alluding to detection day, writes: "Brave men can afford to shake hands when the battle is ended, and good citizens can with propriety decorate the graves of all brave and true soldiers, no matter of which side they fell. I have on my staff officers who served in the Confederate army and officers who served in the Federal army, and in our personal association and official duties we exemplify the practical mingling of the blue and the gray."

THEY GRIN AND BEAR.—The Chambersburg Valley Spirit says: "To do them justice we must say that the Republicans in this section are doing their best to swallow Hayes' Southern policy. It is a hard job and a little rye mash would go down a good deal easier, besides being a gentler purgative, but a politician would have to die young if he succeeded in getting through the vale of tears without swallowing something rougher than rye mash."

A REMARKABLE CONVERSION.—Decorative day extracted the milk out of many a Radical cocoon, and some of the very worst of the "bloody shirt" campaigners were the first to surrender their vile views, chief of whom was Col. Forney, of the Press, whose readers were regaled last fall with the most malignant articles which appeared in any opposition journal. Now he dwells upon the "Blue and Gray" and demands "reconciliation and forgiveness" in prose and poetry. Col. Forney's conversion is as sudden as that of the editor of Harper's Weekly "Journal of Civilization (!)" We hope both will stick.

THE DIFFERENCE.—An exchange says: "If a man is murdered north of Mason and Dixon's line it's a murder; but if a man is killed south of that line, then it's an assassination. And every man of intelligence knows there are ten murders in the North to one in the South. But, of course, when a murder in the North is committed the Republican officers don't raise the bloody shirt. That's the difference."

DEAD—ALL GONE.—Fletcher Harper, the last of the lot of the famous publishing firm of Harper & Brothers, died in New York, on Tuesday the 29th ult., aged seventy-two years. The publications of the firm are pursued wherever the English language is studied.

ELECTIONS.—The following States will hold elections before Congress meets, namely: Oregon in June, North Carolina and Alabama in August; Arkansas, California, Vermont and Maine in September, and West Virginia, Ohio, Iowa and Indiana in October.

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