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WASHBURNE, of Illinois, late of the French Mission, who has been spoken of as the probable dark horse for the Chicago Presidential nomination, says he will not be a candidate under any circumstances—that he is for Grant, first, last, and all the time.

The colored people, in imitation of their white brethren who are aspiring to greatness, have established a bureau or headquarters at Washington, from which to boom Senator Bruce into prominence as a candidate for nomination as Vice President on the Republican ticket.

GEN. JOHN McDONALD was connected with the famous whiskey ring, which at St. Louis created so much stir in 1875. He was the intimate personal friend of Grant, but now opposes his nomination for a third term, and promises damaging disclosures in the event of Grant's success.

WM. PITT KELLOGG, who, it is very generally admitted, occupies a seat in the United States Senate without the sanction of the Legislature of Louisiana, and in contravention of the wishes and desires of the people of that State, it appears is to retain that seat against the lawfully elected Senator.

LETTER FROM WASHINGTON.

From our regular Correspondent.

WASHINGTON, D. C., May 17, 1880. The great absorbing topic here is the coming boat race on the Potomac between Hanlon and Courtney. The latter is now here and is under full training. Referee Blaikie is also here, and in so far as the public is informed at present, the race will be had on the 19th, as agreed upon.

The inevitable Kellogg case is dragging its slow length along in the Senate, under what seems almost an interminable discussion of its merits and demerits. Yet aside from the legal hair-splitting disquisitions of such able lawyers as Senators Hill on the one side of the question, and Carpenter on the other, an occasional argument appears containing much general interest.

For a number of years Congress has been procrastinating the "Claim of the Choctaw Nation," but it reappears in the new Congress to clog the wheels of legislation and crowd out matters of national concern.

Senator Morrill deserves the nation's thanks for opposing the proposition to extend one of the Capitol fronts and put in the edifice the Congressional Library. It is inexplicable why able Senators should urge that the grand outline of the Capitol shall be utterly destroyed by constructing at right angles from its centre this proposed building, which is no more a necessary adjunct to the Capitol than the Patent Office.

One by one our old landmarks are disappearing under the march of improvement. So great are the changes occurring that soon little will be left of old Washington in the northwestern part of the city.

NEWSPAPER OPINION.

The South and Curtin.

From the Philadelphia Times. The South has ever been most unfortunate in being compelled to accept the responsibility for the few mad dogs who lose no opportunity to teach the world that they have learned nothing and forgotten nothing since the late war.

A combination of the lower strata of Southern Representatives was secretly made to defeat the report of the committee remanding the Curtin-Yocum contest back to the people of the district. That it was animated by the lingering hatreds of the rebellion, is too clear to admit a doubt; but that it reflected the sentiment of the Southern statesmen or of the Southern people, is as clearly not the fact.

No matter by what title the actors shall be designated, the facts remain that the Southern defection to prevent the people of the district from electing Curtin to the present Congress, was inspired by Southern resentment against a conspicuously loyal man of the North, and that it came only from those who are least respected as oracles of the South either in Congress or at home.

We throw the name of this distinguished and incorruptible hero, patriot and statesman to the breeze, as a fit leader of the people in the pending Presidential contest, in the hope that those whom he so gallantly served in their most trying hour will rally to his banner, and honor him who vindicated their rights at a time when it required manhood of the highest type to make the issue and assert such vindication.

At last the long Curtin-Yocum contest has gotten before the House of Representatives. This should have been the case months ago, and Governor Curtin gives the seat to which he was legally chosen. That this is not so is not the fault of Hon. F. E. Belts Hoover, who has been untiring in his efforts as a member of the Committee on Elections, and who made an able and exhaustive speech on Saturday last, in favor of seating Governor Curtin.

ADDITIONAL LOCALS.

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