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THE Greenback State Convention of Iowa, in nominating their State ticket, have selected Mrs. Mary E. Nash, as their candidate for Superintendent of Education.

THE obituary of the Republican party is now being written up by its adherents. A liberal cultivation of flowers to deck the grave on next memorial day should engage the attention of the faithful.

EX-SENATOR CONKLING the other day sent an encouraging message to Senator Mahone of Virginia, sympathizing in his aims and purpose. This may be called a spiritualistic communication of the dead lion to the dead dog.

Two things can be said to Conkling's credit. He has never been charged with selling his official position to enable a rogue to rob the Treasury. He has never been charged with perjury to cover fraud and dishonor. He may have many sins to answer for, but these are not amongst them.

It seems to be generally believed that Garfield and Blaine hold in reserve some very interesting marks of their confidence and good will for Don Cameron, to be exhibited to an admiring public as soon as they get through with Roscoe Conkling. Whether they involve Don's "go-between" and confidential agent and solicitor, Mitchell, is as yet, uncertain.

A PROVISIO was appended to the appropriation for the insane hospital at Warren, the other day, requiring that a female graduate in medicine shall have charge of the female department. This was a most proper and judicious requirement. Insane females should have the care of female attendants of competent knowledge to administer to their necessities.

THE wild hunt for place under the Garfield administration is still active and aggressive on the part of the outsiders against the peace of the insiders. The *outs* are demanding pay for campaign work in the field, and take no account that the *ins* furnished the funds to enable them to put in the work, in the belief that it would be unnatural for "dog to eat dog."

GEORGE C. GORHAM, the editor of the stalwart organ in Washington, telegraphs from Albany, "there are various rumors afloat of coming disclosures affecting men high in the Republican party, that will shock the country. A prominent Republican of this State, (New York), says that within three months certain matters will come out that will startle and amaze the people." It is not at all unlikely. Rascality has marked the career of the Republican party ever since Grant assumed the Presidential office, supplemented by Hayes in the same position. The rogues are now quarrelling, and it will not be strange if they begin to tell interesting tales in criminating each other. Let the funeral move on.

SECRETARY WINDOM's commission appointed to discover what became of the contingent funds of the Treasury Department under the fraudulent administration, is still on the hunt. They have no difficulty in discovering that large sums were appropriated to that fund and disappeared, but they meet with heavy failure to find the articles said to have been bought and paid for to balance the expenditures. Enough crookedness, however, is uncovered to show that the swindling operations in the Treasury Department is keeping pace with the Post-office, and both together prove the necessity of a general and searching overhauling by parties beyond the reach of white-washing influences.

William Penn's Remains.

It seems that the negotiations recently inaugurated for the transfer of the remains of William Penn from their quiet resting place in England to the city of Philadelphia, is not likely to have a successful termination. The effort to accomplish this desirable object contemplated only the necessity of obtaining the consent of the lineal descendants of the great founder of our Commonwealth, without taking into account that the trustees of the cemetery in which they have rested for 163 years, might present insuperable difficulties. After the consent of his surviving lineal descendants had been obtained, it was supposed that there was no other person in existence who could interpose any legal obstacle to the proposed removal. The mayor and councils of Philadelphia, the Pennsylvania Historical Society and the State Legislature united in a request to the English descendants of Penn to permit the people of Pennsylvania to pay this posthumous honor to their illustrious ancestor. Gov. Hoyt requested Mr. George Lieb Harrison, a wealthy citizen of Philadelphia, who was about to sail for Europe, to act for the State government, and to do whatever might be necessary to secure the object in view. Mr. Harrison is now on his way across the ocean, but it is not likely that he will succeed in his mission. Under date of June 4, Mr. R. Littleboy, one of the trustees of the burial ground in Buckinghamshire in which Penn is buried, writes to the *London Times* that no application has been made to the board of trustees for the removal of the remains, and that if such a request were made it would not be entertained. It is to be presumed that without the consent of the legal custodians of the cemetery the grave of Penn cannot be disturbed, and it is said that Penn and his last wife were buried side by side in the family lot, and that there is no record by which the one grave can be identified from the other.

A PUBLISHED interview with the late *de facto* President discloses the fact, if that fraudulent individual is worthy of credit, that the reason Senator Conkling sat quiet and failed to deliver the speech he is said to have prepared against the consummation of the Presidential fraud of 1876, was his belief that he, the late incumbent, would leave the Presidential office in shame thirty days after the Potter Committee commenced the investigation of the frauds. This certainly shows two things discreditable to Conkling's sagacity—first that he should have so mistaken the character of Hayes as to believe he would shame at any indecency of his party; and second, that Conkling, by cowardice lost the best opportunity he ever had, or could hope to have, to make himself the great man he was ambitious to be called by exposing at the proper time the nefarious designs of men with whom he was associated to commit a fraud upon the American people. It is difficult to say whether the Hayes interview is most damaging to himself or Conkling. Neither, however, can congratulate himself upon the history made by the transactions referred to.

THE *Pittsburg Critic* is disposed to accept the certificate of character that Garfield gives to Blaine, but at the same time thinks the President might have carried his illustration a little farther than he does. The *Critic* says, "Jim Blaine is a pure man. He is innocent of any connection with the Star route blackmailing swindle. In the language of President Garfield, 'he is just as innocent of any connection with the Star route swindles as I am.' That ought to settle it. If Mr. Garfield had added, 'and he is just as innocent of any connection with the Credit Mobilier as I am,' then that would have settled it."

Virginia Readjusters in Motion.

Mahone held his Readjuster convention last week, put in nomination a full State ticket, and issued an address in form of an appeal to the Republicans not to place a ticket in nomination, alleging the interests of the two parties were identical and that their hopes of success in overcoming the Democracy rested upon a complete coalition and the election of the repudiation candidates. They left no blanks upon the ticket for the Republicans to fill, but rely upon the antagonism of the Republicans to the Democracy to induce an acceptance of the one so graciously presented for their votes by the Rebel Brigadier. The question now is, will the Virginia Republicans ratify the humiliating conditions, and sink their party organization to become a tail to the repudiation kite. Perhaps they will; some of them at least will. As a party elsewhere, they have done many acts to prove they are not influenced by any great principle, and may now, as they have on other occasions, embrace any expedient, however faint, that will give them hope of crippling the onward march of the party they hate so cordially, and which has for over eighty years resisted all attempts to concentrate power, and establish a National aristocracy to control the people's Government. But in this case, the coalition can only result in disgrace and defeat as the Democracy of Virginia are sufficiently strong to overcome the combination.

A WRITER in the Philadelphia *Times*, believing that the people have had a surfeit of "ring rule" appeals to both parties for great care in the nomination only of competent and honest men for the office of State Treasurer. Amongst the gentlemen believed to possess every needed qualification for a faithful and satisfactory administration of this important office, the following Democrats are named: Adam Hartranft, of Philadelphia; Arthur D. Markley, of Montgomery; Jacob Ziegler, of Butler; Hon. Levi Maish, of York; Gen. Davis of Bucks; and Hon. Hamilton Alricks, of Dauphin. From this list the Democracy certainly could commit no error in selection, and would be more than satisfied with either Gen. Davis, Hamilton Alricks or Levi Maish. The following Republicans are also named from which an honest and capable selection is possible: Geo. E. Mapes, of Venango; Jos. E. Caven, of Philadelphia; Butler B. Strang, of Tioga; Gen. Jas. A. Beaver, of Centre; Isaac B. Gara, of Erie; Wm. B. Roberts, of Montgomery; Hiram Young, of York, and Robert Iredell, of Schuylkill.

THE Senate has rejected the proposed constitutional amendment prohibiting the manufacture and sale of intoxicating liquors in the State, and they did right. The Legislature has full power over the subject, and the attempt to get rid of the vexed question by a constitutional amendment was only a cowardly pretense to satisfy the advocates of prohibition and relieve themselves of an embarrassing situation. If the members were unprepared to meet the issue at once and abolish the use and sale of liquor in the commonwealth, or continue it under the enactment of intelligent restriction against abuses, it was at least more creditable to abandon the subterfuge got up to evade the responsibility.

GEN. GRANT was reported at New Orleans the other day, on his way to the front. Rapid transit will bring him to Albany in time to lead the stalwarts to victory over the half-breeds. By all means let Ulysses hasten to the rescue of the imperiled 306, who are sadly beleaguered in their entrenchments by the half-breeds.

MR. CONKLING has not yet been vindicated. The dead lock still continues.

'No More Democratic Tomfoolery.'

Under the above caption that able and reliable Democratic journal, the *Doylestown Democrat*, gives advice to the Democratic party which is worthy of earnest consideration, and which it would be well for the party to accept and follow. "We want no more Democratic tomfoolery," says the *Democrat*; "we have had too much of it already. Several times, since the war, the Republican party was in absolute despair, on the very verge of ruin, and almost ready to throw up the sponge. But on each occasion a Democratic whale was furnished at the opportune moment to save the sinking Jonah. The Cincinnati platform was good enough, but a Kentucky Bourbon was allowed to add three little words, 'for revenue only,' which frightened the manufacturing interests of the country. These words didn't mean anything, but they furnished a club to beat out Democratic brains. Indiana was made a November State, as far as constitutional amendment and popular vote could do it, but some of the Democratic leaders out there, who had the Presidential bee in their bonnets, and were over smart to boot, carried the question to the Supreme Court and had the will of the people reversed. Indiana was known to be a Democratic State, and this enabled her Presidential aspirants to go to Cincinnati and swell up on their great victory in October, when and where the boom was sure to be started. One of them got the second place on the ticket, but the October State business was his ruin. It was another club in Republican hands to beat out Democratic brains, for it enabled the Republican party to concentrate all their strength of men and money, including Dorsey's million of Star route dollars, upon the Hoosier State. They carried the State, and from that day Hancock was beaten. These little acts, which led to such bad results, were Democratic tomfooleries; yes, Democratic cussedness, we must make our English a little plainer. The Democratic rank and file know, to their sorrow, that such things will not do for a steady diet, for they have been fed upon them for years, and they are not fattening. We repeat, these little vagaries must cease, and in future the Democratic party must not furnish any more compassionate whales to save the Republicans. If the Democratic party would be entrusted with the power which the Republicans must shortly lay down, they must not only cease providing whales to save sinking Republicans, but prove to the people they are worthy this high trust. They have three years to do it in. This is time enough. We need not point out any line of policy; our leaders have sense enough to know what challenges the confidence of their countrymen. Gain that, and power falls into their hands as naturally as apples fall to the ground. The Republican party is only a festering, putrid, carcass of a once healthy body, and the people are ready to kick it away and place power and confidence in the Democratic party whenever its leaders bring 'fruits meet for repentance.' Will they do it?"

THE Mahone convention met at Richmond, last Friday, and nominated William E. Cameron, for Governor, and John F. Lewis, for Lieutenant Governor. The former declares himself a Democrat, and the latter a Republican and a Readjuster. The Administration will not be able to pull them through.

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GENERAL NEWS.

J. R. Killebrew, of Tennessee, has been appointed chief of the department of minerals and woods in the Atlanta exposition, and will at once proceed to collect the finest exhibit of woods, minerals, ores, etc., ever made in the history of the United States for the Southern country.

Augusta, Ga., which is so fast becoming a business and manufacturing centre, will issue four hundred thousand dollars of six per cent. thirty-year bonds to pay for a new water-works system and improved drainage and sewerage. The work will be commenced at an early day, under the superintendence of Prof. Ames, of Boston, and will be finished in about a year.

EX-MAYOR Stockley, of Philadelphia, has been elected president of the "Atlantic and Gulf Coast Canal and Okechobee Land Company." As has heretofore been stated, this company proposes to reclaim a large section of Southern Florida, generally called the "Everglades," by draining the swamps. The scheme involves the construction of a canal about 300 miles in length.

REV. SAMUEL R. FISHER D. D., died in Philadelphia, on Sunday evening. His funeral took place at Chambersburg on Tuesday. Rev. Fisher was one of the most distinguished divines of the Reformed Church, and for many years was pastor of a church connected with the public school business department of the city. He was seventy-one years of age.

A LITTLE bird has, late Thomas A. Scott, died in Philadelphia. It contained a will, which provided for the family of the late Colonel Scott. There are some public bequests, as Colonel Scott remembered the institutions he desired to benefit by large cash donations only a short time before his death. No exact statement of the fortune left by Colonel Scott can be made, as the will provides that no inventory or account shall be filed in any public office.

THE most curious romance of all comes from Chicago. A wealthy Chicago widow shortly will marry the wife of Mike Weaver, a notorious burglar, and herself belonging to a family of thieves. Mike robbed the widow's house of \$4,000 worth of plate and jewelry and was sent to the State Prison. Mrs. Weaver is pretty and winsome, it is needless to say, for when the widow called on her to negotiate for the return of the plunder she captivated him. The marriage will take place as soon as she can obtain a divorce from the convict.

WHEN John Griscom, the fat man who is making a starving experiment at Chicago, was weighed on Saturday, at the conclusion of the eighth day of his fast, it was found that in the last twenty-four hours he had lost only a quarter of a pound, while his temperature, pulse and respiration were normal and unchanged. At nine o'clock the same night he appeared as cheerful as ever, and was sitting up, taking part in the conversation of his attendant physicians upon the scientific pleasures of the dissecting room and table.

THE Governor of Colorado on Saturday received a telegram from the sheriff of Conejos county, saying: "The county is powerless against the armed desperadoes. Allison, the leader, has threatened an attack on Antonito and Conejos. We have good men but no arms." On receipt of this dispatch the Governor offered a reward of \$1,000 for the capture of Allison and \$200 each for the remainder of the gang, and also ordered arms to be shipped to Antonito.

AT the election of officers of the grand commandery of Knights Templars of Pennsylvania, held in Scranton, last week, the following named grand officers were elected for the ensuing Templar year: Eminent grand commander, George W. Kendrick, Jr.; deputy grand commander, B. Frank Brennehan; grand generalissimo, Chas. W. Batchaler; grand captain general, Edward G. Martin, M. D.; grand prelate A. V. C. Schenck, D. D.; grand senior warden, James Alexander; grand junior warden, George S. Graham; grand treasurer, Mr. Richards Muckie; grand recorder, Charles E. Meyer. The reception drill and hop, under the auspices of Philadelphia commandery, No. 2, given in the ballroom of the Wyoming hotel was one of the grandest affairs ever given in this place.

A cottage at one of the seaside resorts has been rented to a California millionaire, at \$4,500 for the season. A dozen years ago the same man was a street-car conductor in the city of San Francisco.

MISS Hattie Solace Saxe, the only remaining daughter of the poet, John G. Saxe, died in Brooklyn last Friday night. Her father is now sixty-five years of age and broken down with grief and ill health.

A robbery of between \$90,000 and \$100,000 in bonds from the Erie County Savings Bank, at Buffalo, N. Y., has just come to light. The bonds were taken from the treasurer's desk, where they had been placed without any suspicion of danger after a number of coupons had been cut from them. Several of the stolen bonds have been traced to Baltimore.

Among the distinguished persons now in the government employ at the Indian agencies, at salaries ranging from \$5 to \$40 a month, are: Abraham Lincoln, a teamster; Ulysses Grant, an interpreter; John Adams, a farmer; Enoch Arden, a laborer; George Washington and Andrew Jackson, interpreters; Daniel Webster, a captain; James K. Polk, a sergeant, and Tom Benton, a carpenter. Those who think that our great men are disappearing will notice that they have only "gone West."

THE case of marriage of a Chinaman named Lee Chin, to Mrs. Eva H. Lee, a white woman, is attracting much attention at Cheyenne, Wyoming Territory. The statutes of Wyoming forbid such intermarriage and the couple went to Denver to have the ceremony performed. The Colorado laws permitting it, Mr. and Mrs. Lee Chin have been indicted for miscegenation. The Chinese Consul at Denver, under direction of the Chinese Ambassador at Washington, has become interested in behalf of his countryman and will contest the case in the courts.

THE recent announcement in the New York Chamber of Commerce by Colonel Fred A. Conkling that a New York sugar refiner had paid \$100,000 to a member of the Committee on Ways and Means in the last Congress to prevent legislation on the sugar question has caused a sensation in New York commercial circles. The *Times* says: "The statement appears to be generally credited, and reputable gentlemen are to be found who say they saw the check." The committee adopted a bill by a vote of 7 to 6 which provided for a specific instead of an ad valorem duty, but the bill was never reported. The votes against the bill in committee were Messrs. Wood (Chairman), Garfield, Kelley, Conger, Frye and Dunning.

AN organization of the ex-Confederate soldiers has been effected at Chattanooga, Tenn., with Col. J. B. Cooke, president; Mr. D. M. Key, Capt. J. Caldwell, vice-presidents; Maj. G. C. Conner, secretary. Nearly every ex-Confederate soldier in the vicinity has become a member. The purpose of the organization is to tender a reception to the Army of the Cumberland, which will have a reunion in Chattanooga, next September. It is intended to have present the most important and prominent of living Confederate generals.

PRESIDENT Garfield and party, who have been cruising in Virginia waters on the United States steamer Dispatch, visited Fort Monroe on last Sunday morning, witnessed guard mounting and inspected the troops. In the afternoon they visited the Soldiers' Home, near Hampton, then the Hampton Normal School, and next the National Cemetery, after which they attended services in the Bethesda Chapel, at the school, after which the President made a short address to the students. At 5 P. M. the party sailed for Washington. The yards of each vessel off the fort, including the German school ship, *Nymph*, were manned and three cheers were given as the Dispatch passed them.

ON May 24, Queen Victoria attained her sixty-second birthday, an age which has been exceeded by eleven only of the sovereigns of England, dating from the Norman conquest—namely, Henry I., who attained sixty-seven years; Henry III., sixty-five years; Edward I., sixty-seven years; Edward III., sixty-five years; Queen Elizabeth, sixty-nine years; James II., sixty-eight years; George I., sixty-seven years; George II., seventy-seven years; George III., eighty-two years; George IV., sixty-eight years, and William IV., seventy-two years. On the 20th of June she will have reigned forty-four years, a period which has been exceeded by four English sovereigns only—namely, Henry III., who reigned fifty-six years; Edward III., who reigned fifty years; Queen Elizabeth, who reigned for forty-five years, and George III., sixty years.

COL. P. Penn Gaskell Hall, U. S. A., a member of General Hancock's staff, is somewhat indignant over the appointment of George Lieb Harrison, a sugar merchant of Philadelphia, to go to England for the remains of William Penn. Colonel Hall is the nearest and oldest descendant of Penn living in America, was born here, and thinks that by virtue of his position as an army officer, he would be a representative of the family and the nation. He has been in correspondence with English members of the family, and by a letter recently received he learns that Peter Penn Gaskell, of Shaugherly, Ireland, who inherited the English estates and is the owner of the place in Berkshire, where the remains of the founder of Pennsylvania now lie, is unwilling to allow them to be taken away except by a descendant. Unless his consent can be obtained it will be impossible to remove the remains.