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THE Boston Post thinks Massachusetts may safely be put down among the doubtful states. Strange things do happen sometimes.

It is estimated that there are now fifty thousand visitors in Florida. All the hotels and boarding houses throughout the state are crowded with northern and western tourists.

TWENTY-SEVEN thousand acres of wheat were destroyed near Stockton, California, on the 18th inst., by the bursting of the levee at Roberts Island. Loss estimated at \$500,000.

ARTHUR is Henry Ward Beecher's candidate for President. Beecher is an acknowledged free trader, and says a tariff with incidental protection is like beefsteak with incidental strichnine.

MASSACHUSETTS has returned to its old love, and revived the whipping post as a punishment of wife-beaters. This class of criminals are to be whipped in the correction houses of the several counties.

It is said a jury in Elk county the other day in the trial of a civil case, came into court with a written verdict finding the defendant guilty. It not being very intelligible or satisfactory to the court, they were allowed to retire for repairs.

SAMUEL J. RANDALL, W. A. Wallace, Franklin B. Gowan, Thomas Collins, Benjamin F. Meyers and James P. Barr are respectively named as proper persons for delegates-at-large to the Democratic National convention. No better names can be presented.

DISTINGUISHED ARRIVAL! Forepaugh's white elephant arrived in New York on Thursday last from Egypt. It is claimed to be the first one that even crossed the Atlantic. The distinguished emigrant reports at Forepaugh's winter headquarters in Philadelphia on Saturday.

MAYO, a re-adjuster, returned to the House as a member of congress from Virginia, holding a certificate from Gov. Cameron, was on Friday last unseated by the unanimous vote of the House and Judge Garrison, the duly elected member, seated in his stead.

SECRETARY LINCOLN denies the remark credited to him that he would resign rather than sign a commission reinstating Fitz John Porter in the army. The denial is timely, for the remark made him a fool, which is certainly not an accomplishment desirable in a Presidential candidate.

THE Cincinnati Enquirer, by special correspondence, has been collecting the actual sentiment of the people of the south in relation to the Presidency, and reports "that the solution as developed by these letters may be briefly summarized. Everywhere there is an overwhelming sentiment in favor of the nomination of Mr. Tilden."

A MODEST congressman! In reply to the inquiry of the New York Herald's "who will be the Republican nominee for Governor of Indiana?" Congressman Calkin says, "I will be nominated and elected governor of Indiana." Perhaps! But he would have chosen the time better, if he waited the election before making the announcement.

THE Hon. Chas. S. Wolfe says that Republicanism with Quay, Magee Cooper and Leeds in command, is not the reformed and harmonized Republicanism to suit me. Such reform has been bought too dearly and such harmony is but a subject subservency. Perhaps Mr. Wolfe is hard to please. But it is all the reform he is likely to get, unless he can harmonize his own bitterness toward the Democracy.

COL. O. H. PAYNE, son of Senator-elect Payne, said in New York the other day, that his father is not a candidate for the Democratic Presidential nomination. The Senator-elect has also said the same thing, and we can see no reason why his word should not obtain credence.

A MRS. KILGORE who has been very persistent in effort to be made a member of the bar in Philadelphia, with the right to practice law in that city, has again been barred out for the fourth or fifth time by a decision of Judge Ludlow the other day, who referred her to the Legislature for a law to govern her case.

WITH the opportunities he has had in public life, it is certainly creditable to Carl Schurz that he is yet a poor man. In view of this implied integrity, the Germans of New York have undertaken to raise a purse of \$100,000 to present him. In contrast with Sherman and Blaine in congress and cabinet, both of whom came out as millionaires, the poverty of Schurz is a crown of honor his friends may be proud of.

THE private secretary of Mr. Buchanan, during his presidential term, challenges the statement of Mr. Blaine's book in reference to the point of President's answer to the South Carolina commissioners, and the agency of Judge Black in its modification. He says that Mr. Blaine's statement is untrue. Blaine's book being written for political effect, could not be expected to be anything else than a Mulligan campaign document.

LUCY STONE denounces the Massachusetts legislature for its action in defeating the Woman's Suffrage bill recently before that body. She says their action in "denying to a portion of the people their just right to vote" is an outrage more unjustifiable than the worst violations of the election laws charged upon the people of Copiah county, Mississippi, which Senator Hoar is endeavoring to hunt up for party capital.

THE Wilkesbarre Union Leader can't understand the patriotism that commends Longstreet, a rebel and defaulter, and asperses ex-Governor Curtin for following the dictates of his conscience.

Why, Brother Bogert, it is not a difficult conundrum. Gov. Curtin is honest, in pursuit of honest government, while Longstreet is after plunder, and where else could he obtain sympathy and success except in the party where plunder is its life and the measure of respectability.

THE Democratic House of Representatives of New Jersey, has passed a civil rights bill providing that all persons within the jurisdiction of the state shall be entitled to full and equal enjoyment of the accommodation, advantages and privileges of inns, public conveyances on land or water, theatres or other places of amusement, subject only to the conditions and limitations of law, and applicable alike to citizens of every race and color, regardless of previous condition of servitudes. This bill, it is said, was passed by an almost unanimous vote, and will doubtless become a law, unless the senate, which is Republican, defeat it, which it is likely to do.

THE Philadelphia Record says of the testimony in regard to the conduct of the Star-route cases it drizzles out ad nauseam. The public interest in it has entirely subsided. Every one is satisfied that the government was defrauded: and every one is also satisfied that the virtue does not lie in Republican administration to punish the high crimes of high Republican delinquents. If plain John Doe or Richard Roe had stolen a hundred dollars there would be little trouble in getting them into jail; but when the Hon. John Doe and First Assistant Postmaster General Richard Roe steal a million dollars it is an altogether different affair.

AFTER a hard fight by the harmonious Republicans of Philadelphia for delegates to the convention, the Blaine men beat the machine and carried the day, but it is evident from the Press that the victors don't feel altogether happy, or confident that all will be lovely in the convention. The machine is great in resources, and Boss Quay knows how to engineer it for all that is in it. The Press has cause for apprehension.

GEN. BEAVER for congress. The Republicans of York county have instructed their delegates to the state convention, to vote for Gen. Beaver as the Republican candidate for congressman-at-large. We hope that in many other counties the Republicans may make the same display of good sense that they have in York. If we must have Republican representatives, for the honor of the state, it is desirable that creditable men like Beaver, come to the front.

It is reported that the President will veto the bill passed for the relief of Fitz John Porter, or permit it to become a law without his approval. In which case he will decline to make the appointment provided in the bill to restore Porter to the army. Whatever action he may take to thwart the full effect of the bill, if such a thing is contemplated, which is difficult to believe, he will do contrary to the public sentiment of the country, and will hang like a millstone round his neck in his canvas for re-election.

THE application for pension of Mrs. Meikleham, a granddaughter of Jefferson, which was recently rejected in congress, has been taken up in New York and subscriptions opened for her relief. It is expected, that a considerable sum will be raised. It may be from stupidity, but after the precedents set in the extravagant endorsement of President's widows, we cannot appreciate the discrimination against the last survivor of the third President, who was also the author of the Declaration of Independence. The principle is unquestionably wrong in either case.

MAYOR CARTER HARRISON's boy was hauled up for fast driving the other day in Chicago. The Inter-Ocean gives this account of the scene that followed in the Mayor's Court: "The boy came up with the Harrisonian swing, and the Mayor said, with considerable severity: 'There is a complaint against you for fast driving. Did you have the mare out yesterday?' 'Yes,' replied the boy; 'I had her out, but I hope no one calls that driving fast. I let her take it easy, but there were dozens of fellows driving fast,' and he named several owners of crack horses. As he talked the severe look on the Mayor's face became an anxious one, and as his boy went on to tell how this man and that one drove, the Mayor burst out with: 'You didn't let him pass you, I hope, and then he thundered out: 'Did you let him pass you? To all of which replied the boy: 'You bet I didn't.' So ended the lesson."

THE Ohio legislature embarks in a herculean struggle when it attempts to stamp out the business of speculation by the passage of a bill to prevent gambling in grain, stocks, petroleum, wool, provision, &c. The bill which passed the House of Representatives last week, provides that all contracts and agreements, no matter by what name designated, by which any person shall contract to sell or buy any stocks, or shares of stocks, of any railroad or transportation company, mining or other corporation, who does not intend actually to deliver or to receive and pay for the same, are declared illegal contracts and agreements against public policy. All agreements on "margins" or "futures" are held to be gambling and criminal acts. No matter in what capacity he acts any person convicted in a court of criminal jurisdiction

shall be fined and imprisoned for each offense, and holds Telegraph and Telephone companies as accessories who shall communicate, receive, or display any statements of quotations or prices on margins, futures or options, and subject to the same penalties.

The Coming Question.

One of the most troublesome questions that will demand solution by the Republican National convention, says the Washington Post, will be raised by the appearance of two full sets of delegates from Virginia. William Mahone who, in 1880, claimed to be the leader of the only Democratic party in his state, and who has never been willing to admit himself a Republican, will be at the head of one set, and he will have the backing of the Administration, whose deputy he has been for three years in the handling of Federal patronage in Virginia. John F. Dezerdorf, an old original Republican, a veteran of many campaigns, an earnest supporter of Garfield when Mahone was working for Hancock, will be at the head of the other delegation. Most of the Mahone delegates will be fresh recruits from the Democratic party, men who have been tempted by the flesh-pots to desert their principles. All of the other delegates will be uncompromising Republicans, men who still stick to their principles when there is no patronage to reward their fidelity. The motto of the Mahone delegates will be: "We are for Arthur, because Arthur is for us." The motto of the Republican delegation will be: "The man who will make the best race." It will not only astonish, but grieve the Republican masses of the north if Mahone and his followers are admitted and the Republican delegation barred out. As for the Democrats, they will be amused, but not very deeply interested spectators.

Chauncey F. Black

THE LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR'S TARIFF VIEWS AND PREFERENCES.

ERIE, March 20.—The Dispatch this morning prints the following letter from Hon. Chauncey F. Black, lieutenant governor of Pennsylvania, and son of the late Judge Jeremiah S. Black.

I hasten to reply to your recent favor, the more readily because the questions you propound are, to me, very familiar ones and subjects upon which I desire to be freely heard. You ask for my tariff views and my presidential preferences. As to the former of these: On the tariff question my views are expressed in the seventh resolution of the York county democracy, April, 1883, as follows:

The fundamental principle of a true democracy is expressed in the Jeffersonian maxim, "Equal and exact justice to all men; special favor to none," and this must be especially observed in the exercise of the taxing power; not only in the state but in the nation. We demand, therefore, the repeal of the internal taxes as unnecessary, oppressive, injurious to particular classes and attended with corruption. We are in favor of taxing foreign imports, for the purpose authorized by the constitution, namely: to raise revenue sufficient for the legitimate needs of the treasury and incidental protection, encouragement and reward, equal and just to all classes of men and all kinds of lawful business, including manufactures, agriculture and commerce in all its branches.

This, in my opinion, is a better expression of the time-honored democratic doctrine, descending to us from the fathers of the party and of the republic, than the so-called "Ohio platform," adopted last year by Ohio, Pennsylvania, New Jersey and Virginia. National legislation having for its end the carrying out of the above views has my hearty sanction at any and all times.

As to candidates I await the action of the convention, not doubting it will be for the best. But should Mr. Tilden accept the nomination he will be named without a ballot and elected by a majority great enough to render a second attempt to count him out a rather dangerous experiment. "Justice travels with a leaden heel, but she strikes with an iron hand." Very respectfully yours, CHAUNCEY F. BLACK, York, Pa., March 15, 1884.

Political Prospects.

THE EASTERN STATES APPARENTLY FOR TILDEN AND HENDRICKS.

BOSTON, March 24.—The Post to-morrow morning will print several columns of short letters from Democratic members of the legislatures of Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont, Massachusetts and Connecticut in which the writers give their preference for presidential candidates, first and second choice, and all their views on the tariff question. Tilden leads in each state, save Massachusetts where he and Butler are about even. He is a strong favorite in Maine where also the greenback members are heard from in favor of Tilden as first choice. In Vermont nearly every Democratic member of the legislature is for Tilden. On the tariff question a majority of all heard from are for "tariff for revenue only," in each state, and an overwhelming majority favor the Morrill bill and a gradual reduction of tariff taxation. Of the members who declare unequivocally for a continuance of the present high tariff two are New Hampshire men, three Connecticut and one Massachusetts. Two New Hampshire manufacturers favor an immediate reduction and one favors tariff as it is at present.

The Depopulation of Ireland.

LONDON, March 15.—The Irish papers are discussing the recent census returns in a bitter spirit. The Dublin Nation has an article entitled "Bleeding to Death," in which it says: "The life blood of Ireland is being drained by vampires. Every one who has an interest in the country must gird his loins against this murderous Union. The extermination of the Irish people has long been the traditional aim of the English rulers. The present executive's will is bent on actively promoting the murderous system which has already robbed the country of 5,000,000 or 6,000,000 of people."

The United Ireland devotes an article to the same subject, which it entitles "Killing a Nation by Inches." It says: "For all practical purposes Ireland is suffering a more awful drain of manhood than if engaged in a deadly conflict with a first class European power. She has lost since the Union more men than France lost in all the sanguinary wars of Napoleon. At least eight millions of people have been immolated in eighty years to the demon of English supremacy. Three millions of people, whose brawny frames supplied the physical force of the repeal meetings, were missing in 1872 when the census enumerators came to count them. Two million nine hundred and thirteen thousand of the population who were spared by famine have been starved or transported since. The waste goes on faster and more furiously. Within the last year alone Ireland lost 108,000 emigrants, 71,000 of whom were single adults. She lost in mere thaws and muscles more valued sons than were slain in any of the greatest battles of the world."

Additional Local.

Half breeds Lock Horns with Stallwarts.

The sorrel top editor of the half-breed organ took the stalwart bull by the horn and proceeded to rub the nose of the aforesaid bovine in the mire. Editor Tuten occasionally takes a hand in Republican politics of Centre county, and when he does some person gets hurt. The machine had quietly determined to set down on the Blaine sentiment of the country people, and the chairman ignored the party organ and failed to call his committee together through the columns of the Republican, or to announce the delegate elections. Brother Tuten saw through the little game and blocked it by calling a meeting in the interest of the "Plumed Knight" on Monday evening. The proceedings were very interesting. Mr. James Sommerville was elected president, and the diminutive Sylvester Ray, Esq., was chosen secretary. The ball then opened. The dainty little secretary was on nettles—his soul was with the meeting, but his heart was far up on Howard street, and he bit his pencil nervously. Fractions of the machine were distributed through the room in anticipation of what was to come. After Mr. Dale's opening prayer, the tall "Yaller Pine" of the Alleghenies, Col. Hastings, was called upon for a "speech," and as the News puts it, made an energetic though

guarded speech. Well, the Colonel is not in the habit of giving himself away, but like the skillful angler he plays his game and enjoys the sport at the proper time and lands his trout. Of course he preferred Baine over any Democrat, &c., &c. S. D. Ray, a novice in politics, startled the stalwart leaders by vehemence of oratory, and made the speech of the evening. Judge Love followed in a brilliant speech in which he said that the nomination of Hayes in '76 fell like a wet blanket on the Republicans from which it was difficult to recover. This sentiment amazingly stirred up Mr. Aikens, who indulged in a music-hall speech, and Mr. James Harris turned on the electric light of his imagination, and he gave the machine thunder. Esquire Rankin who runs the colored contingent of the machine, and who gave grandpa Dale the entire colored vote of the borough, "over the left" was "set down on," but Johnny is as elastic as a gum ball, and will "lob up serenely" at the proper time. A few choice extracts from the Mulligan letters were in order, and the little secretary wanted to deliver a disquisition on *en stroke*, but the prudent Tuten squashed him. After this little side-show was over, a committee was appointed to make the necessary preliminary arrangements to bring out a full expression of opinion at the primary elections: E. C. Homes, S. D. Gray, Clement Dale, A. J. Aikens, F. W. Gilder, Geo. T. Harris, Col. Hastings, L. L. Brown, Jas. McClure and S. D. Ray make up the committee. Now "let slip the dogs of war."

Brother Tuten, you can rest on your oars—the boys will do the pulling. It was an awful back-handed slap at the machine and "sore-heads and weak-knees" are seen all over town. The machine came down one peg, and publishes the official call for the Republican convention. One peg is not very far to drop, but it will be anything but pleasant to the dignified chairman of the machine.

AS OTHERS SEE US.—The following is a clipping from the Harrisburg Patriot:

Up at Belleville's.

From an Occasional Correspondent.

BELLEVILLE, March 17.—This place takes its name from a spring called "Belleville," situated near the centre of the town, which is said to throw 14,600 gallons of water in a minute. The town is located on a hill surrounded on every side by other and higher hills. It is, on account of its hill location, especially free from malaria, the drainage being perfect. It is connected by railroad with Lock Haven and Tyrone thus affording it direct railroad communication with the Philadelphia and Erie and the main line of the Pennsylvania railroad. Another railroad is rapidly approaching it from Tyrone. Belleville is chock full of good fellows. The Hon. Cyrus T. Alexander has his home here, and is as you (and all your readers who know him,) are aware, a gentleman, warm hearted, cordial and genial as a companion and friend. He has his hands full of business and is at the head of several of the leading industries of this place, among which are notably the glass works, Hon. John H. Orvis, since his resignation of the judgeship, is practicing law here successfully. Among the new acquaintances your correspondent formed here was the present judge of the district, Hon. Adam Hoy. Judge Hoy, since he came on the bench by appointment to fill the unexpired term of Judge Orvis, on the 13th of November last, has filled the full measure of his position. He is an able jurist and has conducted his office with commendable skill, industry and tact. He is much liked by the bar and will be renominated this fall without opposition, and should he secure the nomination from Huntingdon county, of which there can be but little, if any doubt, will carry this county by one of the largest majorities ever given by the noble democracy of old Centre. The reasons given by his friends for his nomination are that he possesses all the qualities of a first class judge, and the fact that his county is good for a large democratic majority, while Huntingdon is some 700 republican.

J. L. Spangier, Esq., is an attorney here last forgoing to the front as one of the best and soundest lawyers in the place. He unites with his ability and integrity as a lawyer, an excellent social disposition. He is one of the men Pennsylvania at large will hear much from in the future, if I am not greatly mistaken. Mr. James A. McClain is also a rising young man. He is recognized as an able and valuable man among business men.

The Bush and Brockerhoff houses are good hotels, and afford excellent accommodation to the traveling public. The genial proprietor of the Bush house we had not the pleasure to meet, for which your quill-driver is sorry, as your Harrisburg business men describe him as one of nature's noblemen.

—SNAK.