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NON-PARTISANSHIP.

Perhaps the fact that the writer of this was in attendance at, and a humble though interested participant in, the proceedings of the Informal Free Soil Conference or Convention at Pittsburg in 1850, from which sprang the Republican party, may invest that organization with more importance than it deserves, and may exaggerate the great necessity that exists for preserving, consolidating and strengthening it, to the end that the institutions of the country may be preserved from impending peril.

No sooner had the Democrats acquired a majority of the United States Senate, than they began to illustrate their devotion to the principles of civil service reform. In that, set aside and dignified both the officers and subordinates have been retained through all the mutations of parties, and changes have never been made for political reasons alone.

Gov. CURTIS is still keeping up the force of procuring testimony in the contest for a seat in Congress. We call it a farce because the results do not depend upon the evidence.

REPRESENTATIVE BOOKS, of Cameron county, lectured on "Hell," in Harrisburg, to an audience that filled the hall of the House completely.

appropriation bill of political legislation. Senator HILL says: "To reply to all criticisms, and to satisfy the people as to my attitude regarding the proposed repeal of the election law, I have issued a circular, in which I pointed out the necessity of taking this step at this time. Second, I issued a circular, in which I pointed out the necessity of taking this step at this time. Second, I issued a circular, in which I pointed out the necessity of taking this step at this time."

We commend these remarks to the Republicans, and particularly to any who may become faint-hearted or doubting as to the necessity for the Republican party, and the value of a strict and rigid adherence to its organization. Cannot every Republican say in view of the late events in Congress, (forgetful even of the reminiscences of the bloody past) following the Senator's language— "Whatever is strenuously opposed by the Democratic party under its present leadership, must inevitably turn out in the end to be just and salutary?"

The emigration of negroes from the Southern States is assuming a proportion which is alarming the laboring classes. Notwithstanding the allegation that the negroes are too lazy to work, the truth is that the farmers and planters of the South are dependent upon the negro for the cultivation of their fields.

The Harrisburg Telegraph has been canvassing the Legislature to see how the members stand on the Presidential question, with the following result: Forty-four Senators and Representatives express themselves for GRANT, 14 for BLAINE, 2 for EDWARDS, 1 each for CAMERON, GARFIELD, HERMAN, CONKLING, HAYES and SHEPARD, and 12 are undecided; 29 for HILDEN, 5 for HENDRICKS, 3 each for HANCOCK and BAYARD, 2 for THURMAN, 1 each for RANDALL and McCLELLAN, and 12 are undecided; 2 each for BUTLER, 2 for HENDRICKS, 1 each for WAIGHT and KELLEY, and 1 undecided.

The panic in New Orleans seems to have subsided as suddenly as it arose. At last accounts the banks had resumed payment, and it looks as though the expected financial crash had been averted. It is another indication that the whole country has reached bed-rock, and that the growing prosperity is founded upon a solid basis.

The Judiciary Committee of the House (HARRISBURG) has taken up the petition against Judge HARRING, of Luzerne county, and appointed a sub-committee, consisting of Messrs. HEWITT, WOLFE, MADILL, FAUNE and RHODES, to read testimony in the case, in order to ascertain whether or not sufficient ground exists for preparatory articles of impeachment.

THE SOUTH is in full command of the Democratic party in both Houses of Congress, and means to have its own way. The northern members of that faith must obey, but this sort of compulsion has been gradually reducing the array of the party in the north, and will continue to do so.

The new tariff is not getting on very well in Canada. Already ominous mutterings are heard from various manufacturers who conceive themselves injured by the discrimination in the duties. The truth is, as with all similar efforts elsewhere, that the Ministry have elected upon an undertaking which is beyond the power of legislators to carry out with any degree of satisfaction to the conflicting interests that are affected by it.

The Committee on Privileges and Elections of the United States Senate, acting in partisan spirit, has determined to disfranchise the sovereign State of New Hampshire, by refusing admittance to Mr. BELL, who was appointed by the Governor to fill the vacancy created by the expiration of the term of Mr. WADSWORTH, the Legislature not having met, as yet, to elect his successor.

Our Indiana gerrymander has been consummated whereby the Democratic hope to secure nine out of the thirteen Congressmen to which that Commonwealth is entitled in future elections. This arrangement is even more favorable to Democratic designs for supremacy than that adopted in Ohio, for there they only provided, as they supposed, for a certain majority of one in the delegation, while in Indiana the Republicans are given only four districts out of thirteen, and in three of these the majorities at the last election were very small.

In the selection of seats for the new Senators, that formerly occupied by Senator SIMON CAMERON in the front row on the Republican side was taken by ORVILLE H. PLATT, a resident of this place. Senator J. D. CAMERON chose the seat immediately to the right. Mr. CAMERON being desirous of occupying the seat which his father had for so many years, that gentleman promptly offered to change, Mr. CAMERON therefore now occupies his father's seat in the Senate.

That phreno-maniac exists in New Jersey is proved beyond question by the evidence which Colonel WILLIAM H. STIRLING has collected. The disease, however, is confined to a few localities, and a rigid system of quarantine will control it. Several deaths from this disease have occurred at Fairleyville, Pa., four miles from Trenton. The authorities seem to be alive to the necessity of prompt and determined action.

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This petty partisan journals of the democratic persuasion, have seized with infinite relief upon the black-mailing effort of the widow OLIVER, to exhibit their natural instincts and gratify their malignity. Per contra, the respectable newspapers of the country, without regard to party attachments, have spoken of this scandalous proceeding as it deserves.

It is creditable to the Hon. Simon Cameron that he has refused to pay blackmail, preferring to bear instead the discomfort of the allegations brought out in the course of Mrs. Oliver's lawsuit. Those allegations, whether true or false, are certainly of a very disagreeable nature; and had Mr. Cameron been a man of less determination, would have paid money sooner than such matters to be brought before the public eye.

The Girard bequest has largely increased in value since the death of the eccentric donor. The total income of the property is now \$1,200,000, and the annual dividend is \$120,000. The property is now owned by the Girard Trust, and the annual dividend is \$120,000.

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CONGRESS. Thursday.—In the Senate the resolution of Mr. Hoar on the subject of opening the Executive was taken up almost immediately. The Democrats evaded debate, and said they would reply when the bill perfected in caucus had been reported; this position was sharply criticized by Republicans; no vote was reached, and the Senate adjourned until next week. In the House, the Army bill was reported; the part of the bill not political was nearly all disposed of in Committee of the Whole; the other parts were not reached.

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all some new epidemic breaks out to take its place. Two emigrants died during the past week: Rev. Howard Malcom, President of the American Baptist Society, and Rev. John R. Smith, Chaplain of the Eastern Penitentiary. If any of your readers contemplate crossing the ocean, patriotism and interest should induce them to sail from this port.

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in this direction, by offering the following preamble and resolution: "Resolved, That the Secretary of the Board of Agriculture be and he is authorized to examine into the condition of the various agricultural products of the State, and to report thereon to the next session of the Legislature."

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