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THE CENTENNIAL.—Machinery hall is 1,462 feet long and 360 feet wide. Cost, \$792,000. The United States building covers two acres of ground, and cost \$62,000. Memorial hall is 365 feet long and 219 feet wide—Cost, \$1,500,000. Horticultural hall is 385 feet long and 193 feet wide—Cost, \$251,397. Agricultural hall is 824 feet long and 540 feet wide—Cost, \$300,000. The Main building is 1,880 feet long and 494 wide—Cost, \$1,600,000.

FIVE months gone, yet nothing has been done by a Democratic House except to conduct expensive investigations, in the vain hope that some act of Republican dishonesty may be discovered that will add to Democratic capital in the coming Presidential campaign. It is said that the printing and binding of the testimony taken before the Naval Committee will cost at least \$100,000, and will cover about 20,000 pages. This is but one of many investigations that are now pending. Thus, while preaching economy, the Democrats are practicing extravagance, and this while the nation is suffering for legislation that has been too long delayed.

THE PRESIDENTIAL SITUATION.—The prospects of the prominent Presidential candidates is thus summed up: The time for holding the national convention is coming on very fast, but as yet it is very uncertain who will be the standard bearers. Mr. Blaine is probably the most prominent at this time for the Republican nomination, but prominence may cause his defeat by concentrating the strength of the other candidates against him. Mr. Bristow is next in prominence before the public, and in a general way has much strength. Gov. Hayes is not an improbable nominee, and has many elements of success. Gov. Hartraff is something of the order of Hayes, but the fact that his election would give Pennsylvania a Democratic governor will prejudice his prospects. But whoever the Republican nominee may be, the character of the delegates chosen and the general sentiment of the party through the country, is a pretty sure guarantee that he will be a man eminent in character for integrity and political knowledge.

The Richmond *Examiner*, discussing the rights of ex-confederates, says, "Our people did not want to resume their citizenship, but were forced into it; and now that they have come back under compulsion they are entitled to their full share of the honors as well as the burdens." As an evidence of what modern slang calls "cheek" this is classic. The admission is here plainly made that the rebels have not repented. They have not abandoned the political principals, a strong devotion to which made them rebels, but who fought through a bloody war to destroy a rebellion these stiff-necked traitors imagined and maintained until complete exhaustion forced them to desist from their endless treason. Two remarks will finish all we dare to say in this connection. There is only one party in this country to which any credit can be truthfully given for the courageous rehabilitation of the rebels who plighted our country into war, and that party is disowned by the recipients of its mercy as a tyrannous and blood-thirsty crew the destruction of which as a political force will alone save the country from future woes. There is only one party in the nation in which the ingrate rebels find a congenial home and political fraternity. These two are the only possible parties in the next Presidential struggle. One of them only can win. Which should it be? This is a question we respectfully submit to men who weakly extol the sublime importance of appointing village postmasters tickling their ears the while with the cry of Civil Service Reform; over the commanding problem of whether the defenders of the nation's life or those who attempted the nation's life shall be chosen to direct its policy—under the clear light that the Democratic party yet remains true to the political principles on which the rebellion was based, and now contains every soul who fought to dismember the Union and glories in the part he took in that struggle.

Members of Congress are generally of the opinion that there can be no final adjournment before the middle of July.

Political Conventions for May.

May 17.—National Greenback Convention, Indianapolis, Indiana.

May 17.—National Prohibition Convention, Cleveland, Ohio.

May 17.—Tennessee Republican Convention, Knoxville.

May 18.—Delaware Republican Convention, Dover.

Mar. 18.—Kentucky Republican Convention, Louisville.

May 23.—Nebraska Republican Convention, Fremont.

May 24.—Kansas Republican Convention, Topeka.

May 24.—California Democratic Convention, San Francisco.

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May 30.—Louisiana Republican Convention, New Orleans.

May 31.—Missouri Democratic Convention, Jefferson City.

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