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From the Pittsburgh Dispatch,

Indiscreet Talk.

Just now the leaders of both parties are charging each other with deliberate fraud, and an attempt to corrupt the ballot-box. An individual who listens to them, who is ignorant of the wiles and schemes politicians sometimes resort to to carry their point and secure a victory, would come to the conclusion that they are all the very pinks of moral perfection and honesty. Every one of them denounces fraud in as strong terms as the English language supplies, and declares he wants nothing more than the votes cast in Louisiana and Florida shall be counted fairly, by which he generally means that they shall be so counted as that his candidate shall not be left out in the cold. The height of honesty, in the estimation of these gentlemen who have gone down South to exercise their powers of numeration, is, that their candidate shall be declared elected, if not by an overwhelming, at least by a decisive majority. If any other count should be made the partisans against whom it shall be made will cry, "fraud," until their throats are hoarse.

This is our opinion, which we base not only on the declarations that have been made, but also on the course which has usually been followed by politicians. We believe that there is not one of those who have gone down South, but is convinced that his candidate has been elected, and if the votes should be counted till doomsday, he will not change his mind upon this subject. Every one asserts there has been fraud, and that it must be exposed. When men indulge in declarations of this kind, they are not in the best frame and temper of mind for coming to just and impartial conclusions.

The animus of the leaders of the two parties is seen in the indiscreet words to which they often give utterance. It has not been an uncommon thing, for nearly two weeks, for papers and politicians to hint, and in some instances to declare in so many words, that if the vote does not show that their candidate has been elected, there must have been fraud perpetrated, and that the representative of those who committed it, can never be installed President of the United States. Even some very grave men, who are not accustomed to be demonstrative on any occasion, have not hesitated to declare that if any other candidate than the one of their party should be counted in, he cannot and must not be inaugurated. Such language is un-American, and unwise. The universal law among us is, that the majority shall rule, and if it should be declared that Hayes has a majority of the electors chosen he must be the next President of the United States. But if, on the other hand, it shall appear that Tilden is the choice of the people of the country, there must be no obstructions thrown in the way to prevent his entry into the White House as the Chief Magistrate of the nation.

The country is not prepared for another war, and such a thing as determining at the point of the bayonet who shall be the next President of the United States, should not be thought of for a moment. Those editors and hair-brained politicians who suggest such a thing as war to determine the question, would be the very last persons who would shoulder a musket or unsheath a sword. They might take great pleasure in seeing others engaging in mortal combat, but they would be very careful to keep in the rear, and out of range of musketry and artillery.

When Abraham Lincoln was elected honestly and fairly to preside over the country from the 4th of March, 1861, for four years, the cry of the disappointed was we will never submit, and a rile rail splitter shall not be allowed to exercise the functions of Chief Magistrate in this country. When such talk was first indulged in, some people laughed at it, and said it was mercly the bluster of braggarts, who had no serious intention of carrying their threats into execution. But as the time for Lincoln's inauguration drew near, it began to appear that there was some reality in the threats uttered, and if it had not been for the extreme caution exercised, he would never have escaped alive out of the hands of the "plug-uglies" of Baltimore.

But the people were determined that the man who had been fairly elected should be installed President of the United States, and he was. Despite the opposition shown to his Presidency Abraham Lincoln stood at the helm of the ship of State for four years, and never disappeared from the deck even when it was in flames, and the noble craft seemed as if it would be burned to the water's edge.

Some of the papers of the country made light of the affair of Lincoln's escape from assassination at the hands of the Baltimore roughs, and wrote many a caricature of the manner in which he succeeded in evading them, by donning Tartan plaid and a Glengary bonnet. We can scarcely think that such a thing will be again attempted during the present century, and we hope not for ever, but when heated partisans keep up the constant cry of resistance, at any cost, it is difficult to say what might take place.

Some one party must suffer defeat, and of this both parties should be satisfied. Both cannot succeed, and the one which the people shall reject must prepare to bear up under defeat. If it were rowdies and roughs only that were giving utterance to the declaration that there should not be an inauguration, unless their candidate shall be counted in, we could, perhaps, pardon the indiscretion, but when we hear men of standing, intelligence and professed patriotism, talking in this way we have no patience with them, and are ready to pray that the country may soon get rid of them, for so long as they remain here they will only be disturbers of the peace and destroyers of the nation.

There are good and sincere patriots who will pay no attention to the empty threats made by a few cowardly politicians, but it would be much better if they were not uttered. Unless fully convinced that they were fairly elected we don't believe that either Governor Hayes or Governor Tilden would allow himself to be escorted to the White House by armed bands of men. The candidate who shall be declared duly elected must have a reasonable assurance that the people desire him to be their ruler, or he will not accept of the office.

The indiscreet remarks of some partisans, who desire office more than anything else, have a tendency to inflame the passions, and beget bad and revolutionary feeling. It is to be hoped, therefore, that all will patiently await the result, and when announced will abide by it

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It is thought that the cost of electing a President is about three million dollars which ought to be quite enough to secure a good one, but none at all after such expense would be rather extravagant if it were not for the fun we have to think of.

A scientific examination of children in the Portland, Maine, public schools shows that about twenty per cent. of the pupils in the grammer department and eight and a half in the other departments have defective sight. Defective lighting of the rooms is the cause.

Blaine is likely to be elected President of the Senate as soon as Congress assembles. This is with a view to providing against any vacancy that might occur in the office of President should Congress refuse to go into joint convention to complete the election of the President next February. Blaine would then be President for the ensuing year till a new President could be elected and inaugurated. Blaine would be a bigger man than Tilden and Hayes together then.

"I am willing to risk my reputation as a public man," wrote Edward Hine to the Liverpool *Mercury*, "if the worst case of small-pox cannot be cured in three days, simply by the use of cream tartar. One ounce of cream of tartar disolved in a pint of hot water, drink at intervals, when cold, is a certain, never-failing remedy. It has cured thousands, never leaves a mark, never causes blindness, and avoids tedious lingering."

It is well to recollect, during all this excitement, that the Presidential electors will not meet in the several States until the first Wednesday in December, and that their votes will not be connted until the second Wednesday in February. It is on this late date that the presiding officer of the Senate, in the presence of the two Houses of Congress, must declare who is elected President. But Congress will meet on the first Monday in December, and there is no reason why the two houses should not, and every reason why they should, in the time intervening, agree upon such rules to govern the counting of the electoral vote as will secure the peaceful and lawful adjustment of any dispute that can arise. This is the very first business to which Congress must give its attention, and it will be well for the leading men of both parties to consult together upon the subject now, that the necessary rules may be adopted without delay and the anxiety of the country—if the election ultimately prove as close as it now appears—be allayed as speedily as possible.—*Times.*

During the opening performance at Moore's Opera House, in San Francisco, Saturday night, the floor gave way and eight persons were killed and about one hundred wounded. The opera house was situated over a large livery stable, and formerly be n used as a State armory. About a thousand persons were present. When the floor gave way the entire auditorium, carrying with it the stage and gallery was precipitated to the stable beneath. The lights were extinguished, and a scene of fearful confusion ensued. The name of the killed are: T. W. Perry, janitor of the Court House; Erank Meyer and W. J. Fos ter, compositors in the Record and Union office; Henry Vaca, Ezra Woolson, formerly County Treasurer; Michael Tiernan, and two unknown. The performers escaped wiih some bruises; Eddie Peak, of the Swiss bellringers, and Mrs. Wilson, a variety performer, being most injured, neither seriously. Many of the wounded taken from the ruins are in a critical condition, and a number will probably die.

A furniture wagon containing a party of thirty-six persons on their way to a wedding, fell over a bridge near Cincinnati Saturday night, falling a distance of twenty-five feet. Three persons were probably fatally injured, and nine or ten others were more or less severely hurt.

The dead body of a man was found lying on the Panhandle track near the Columbus depot, Saturday night, just after the midnight train left there. A paper was found on his body, on which was scrawled, "Thurston Every, Knox county, Edwards Pond. I concluded to kill myself." On the other side was a memoranda of work done. It is supposed he threw himself under the train.

Judge Walter B. Lowrie, of Meadville, died in that city Tuesday, Nov. 14th. He was about 69 years old.

Starting up old oil wells along Oil Creek has been quite successful, good pumpers being obtained at a moderate cost.

Mrs. Rachel Cook, the oldest person in Crawford county, died a few days ago, aged 100 years and five months.

Tilden seems willing to sneak into the White House by the back door, crawl up through the cellar-way, come down the chimney, or break in with a crow-bar. Any way to get in.—Indianapolis Journal

Erie is the banner county of the State in the number of its Y. M. C. Associations, there being nine of these organizations within its limits—at Erie city, Fairview, Girard, Albion, Wellsburg, North East, Corry, Harbor Creek, and Union City.

Another singular turn in the state of the Presidential contest is made in the assertion that a loss of 2,218 votes for Hayes in Louisiana has been incurred through a printer's plunder in placing the names of Hayes and Wheeler at the head of the ticket and omitting the names of the State electors. There seems to be considerable information on the subject of electors accumulating for the people of the United States out of the Centennial election.

A Woman Strikes her Husband with an axe:—A melancholy affair occurred in Spring Creek, Warren county, last Friday morning. Mrs. E. Jewell became enraged at her husband, because of some difficulty regarding property left her by her first husband. During the dispute Mrs. Jewell suddenly seized an axe and struck her husband with it. The blade hit him just under the shoulder blade, making a wound over five inches long and several inches deep. It is supposed that it will prove fatal. The woman was arrested and taken to jail. At last reports she showed signs of insanity.

A singular case has deen developed in New York, wherein a woman is accused of having sworn voilence against six men, one of whom has already served three of a twenty years term in the penitentiary, and now it is strongly suspected that he was innocent. Her plan was to appear at intervals as a poor and unprotected girl just from Ireland, ask for lodging at a police station, and feigning illness would send for an officer, and subsequently swear out a charge of outrage, and show marks of ill-treatment in evidence. It is thought she can be convicted of perjury, but that can scarcely help some of her victims, who, like him in prison, may have suffered for years from unjust ascusations. Such a case as this is a public misfortune in adding to the doubts and difficulties which already surround the determination of a class of cases in which a woman's oath is about all the testimony expected on the part of the prosecution, and against which the most solemn denials of the defendant avail nothing.

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