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It is announced that Admiral Dewey will be too busy on May 1 to celebrate Dewey day and similar news comes from the majority of his admiring countrymen.

Republicans Should Attend. The attack made upon Attorney A. A. Vosburg, the Republican nominee for city solicitor, in the Saturday edition of the Times was entirely uncalled for.

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ever fought such a victorious war and made such a gain in trade all in one year?

The good old rule about not crossing bridges until we get to them applies very truly to the case of Gomez, in whom some nervous Havana correspondents seem to view a possible source of trouble to the American authorities.

The Law Taking Its Course.

It is encouraging to observe that the grand jury in the United States court for the Southern circuit, sitting at Charleston, S. C., has returned a true bill against thirteen white citizens of Lake City, S. C., charged with lynching Prazier B. Baker, the negro postmaster of that town.

In charging the grand jury the judge remarked: "A more heinous crime has rarely marked the history of the state. It would be an everlasting reproach to our government and to our civilization if those charged with the administration of the laws failed to bring to trial the perpetrators of this crime."

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the Chicago platform as Democracy. And the two Democratic senators (there should have been three if the Democratic majority in the Utah legislature just adjourned had made an election) are from states in the Rocky mountains or beyond—Montana and Utah—states which did not exist when the Kansas-Nebraska bill was passed.

Carrying the comparison down to a later date, the same writer notes that in the Thirty-ninth congress, elected in 1866, there were from the states north of Delaware, Maryland and Kentucky eight Democratic senators—each from New Jersey, Connecticut, Pennsylvania, Indiana, Wisconsin, Minnesota, California and Oregon—and even in the Forty-first congress, elected in 1868, there were four—one each from New Jersey, Ohio, Minnesota and California.

But this is not all of the story. The Globe-Democrat man directs attention to the fact that there was never a time during the war of the rebellion when there was not a Democratic governor in the North. In the early part of 1865, when the fortunes of the party in this respect were at their worst, Joel Parker was governor of New Jersey.

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extremely difficult to approach from all sides in days not very long ago. There she was left for centuries to work out her destiny practically free from outside influence and foreign molestation. But the steamboat and telegraph have changed the whole situation of things, and rendered it impossible for her to lead such a life as she could before. It has taken her some time to awake to this fact. But it is a mistake to think that China has been stationary.

But let us put the shoe on the other foot, and suppose that Confucian missionaries were sent by the Chinese to foreign lands with the avowed purpose of gaining proselytes, and that these missionaries established themselves in New York, Philadelphia, San Francisco and other cities, and that they built temples, held public meetings, and opened schools.

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like life, and I also like righteousness; but if I cannot get the two together, I will let life go and choose righteousness. Now, if people professing Christianity and priding themselves on being highly civilized, should still so far misconduct themselves as to disregard the rights of the weak and inexorably take what does not belong to them, then it would be better not to become so civilized. It would be better to live amongst the people who practice the tenets of Confucius and Mencius than amongst a people who profess to believe in the highest standard of morality but do not practice what they believe. The aphorism of Tennyson should then be changed so as to read: "Facts, fifty years in Cathay thus a cycle in Europe." But I do not believe such practice of ignoring other people's rights is generally resorted to, and I am persuaded there are many people who denounce it. China welcomes her shores the people of all nations. Her ports are open to all, and she treats all alike without distinction of race, color, nationality or creed. Her people trade with all Creoles. In return, she wishes only to be treated in the same way. She wants peace to be let alone, and not to be molested with unreasonable demands. Is this unfair? She asks you to treat her in the same way as you would like her to be treated. Surely this reasonable request cannot be refused.

The most important question with which the Chinese government has to deal is the spirit of commercialism and the spirit of proselytism. In all the treaties which China has concluded with Western Powers, there is an article, frankly known in effect that Christianity indicates the practice of virtue, and that those professing or teaching it should not be harassed or persecuted.

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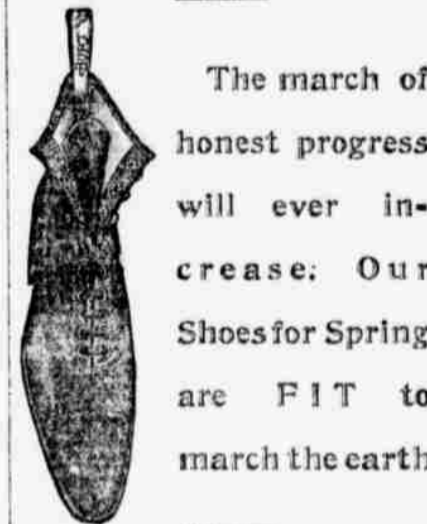
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