FRIDAY MORNING, MARCH 30.

THE DEMOCRATIC CREED.—A cotemporary justly observes that it cannot be charged upon the Democratic party that it is "based upon a single idea." It is trying to stand, just now, on the basis of a dozen or two conflicting ideas!

The Democratic electioneerer who travels round among his own party, this year, will have a hard time of it. He will be expected to avow a different set of principles at each place. In Illinois he must swear that Popular Sovereignty is the true doctrine, and in Virginia that it is rank heresy. He must mount the Pacific Railroad Platform in Missouri, but back square down off it in Georgia. In Philadelphia he must unfurl the banner of "Specific Duties," in Richmond of "Ad Valorem Duties," and in Charleston of no duties at all. He may save the Union in New York, but he must dissolve it again in Mississippi! In Michigan he can denounce Filibusters; but in Louisana he must take them by the hand and bid them God speed. His Democratic hearers may cheer him if he opposes the Slave trade in Connecticut, but they will perhaps tar and feather him if he does it in Georgia. As to the Fishing Bounties he has only to believe them just and proper in Maine, and atrocious swindles in Alabama. He can then complete this parti-colored creed by whispering his dislike of a Territorial Slave Code in New England, and shouting his admiration of it in South Carolina. If he can contrive to support all these different doctrines at once, he will be a faithful exponent of the principles of his party. On one point only will he found agreement among the warring members of the Democratic household; and that is that the country is sure to go to destruction unless they each get into the offices.—[North Carolina Argus.

VENICE.—The tyranny of Austria in the city of Venice and the province of Venetia appears to be all but insupportable. Large numbers of the best citizens are transported every few days to northern fortresses as political prisoners, while others are compelled, for safety, to fly from their native land. Depopulation is fast progressing, and gloom and fear hanging like a cloud over Venetian palaces. An able article has just appeared in the Boston Evening Transcript on the painful subject, in which the writer argues that the wrongs of the outraged people of Venice invoke redress;—that Venice, so familiar and dear to readers of English through the works of Otway, Shakspeare, and Byron, and Rogers, Cooper, and Ruskin,—that Venice so admirably self-governed during her brief interval of freedom under the provisional auspices of the noble Manin and his patriotic comrade—that Venice, once the mart of commerce—the seat of the most famous press in Europe—whose architecture and paintings delight and instruct to day as they did centuries ago. Her outraged people now dwell there in mute suspense, under the perpetual espionage of Austrian soldiers, whom, to avoid, they quit the cafe, cross the piazza, cease talking with a friend. A word, a look, a peculiarity of costume, a volume or newspaper in their hands, a letter taken by them from the Post Office,—the slightest cause is enough to excite the suspicion of the vigilant myrmidons of Austria, and lead to arrest, long and secret imprisonment, confiscation, and death. Where is the ancient fire of a brave people, that burnt so brightly in the days of the Doges?

FRIGHTFUL OCCURRENCE.—The steamer Karnak, at New York, reports that when leaving Nassau, in consequence of a considerable swell on the bar, one of the crew of a pilot boat which was towing alongside (a colored man) was pitched overboard. The ship was stopped and the boat instantly left for his rescue, while two life-buoys were thrown from the ship. The boat got close enough to give him the end of an oar, which he took, and said, "For God's sake, save me." The men were about to haul him into the boat when he was carried down by a large shark, which came up at the moment, taking the oar with him. The oar and the life-buoys drifted on shore that evening, but no trace of the man was seen afterward.

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