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THE PHILADELPHIA LOYAL LEAGUE, which long ago earned the cordial good-will of every Republican in this Commonwealth, has conferred an additional service upon the public. It has offered a premium of $500 for the best essay that may be tendered "on the legal organization of the people to select candidates for office;" with minor premiums of $300, $200 and $100, for the second, third, and fourth in merit.

The existing modes of selecting candidates for elective offices are all about as bad as can well be made. A plan by which noisy and pushing men, who have no other merit but energy, can be made to stand back, and the most competent and deserving brought forward, would be of incalculable value.

It is now asserted that Gen. Thomas's visit to Washington was in reference to affairs in Tennessee. Rebels are disfranchised by the laws of that State. Naturally enough, they do not like it. Gov. Brownlow has announced his determination to enforce the laws, allowing the the names of no citizens to be inscribed on the registers if they are by law debarred from voting. He has further given notice that he will not seek to abridge the right of public discussion, unless it shall be carried to the extent of counseling resistance to the laws. That the persons disfranchised are resolved to vote is plain enough; but whether the President will interfere to abrogate the State law, seems improbable.

THE letter of Secretary MCCULLOCH, to Boston, shadows a heavy falling off in the revenue for the remaining months of the fiscal year. The causes assigned will doubtless prove satisfactory to the people at large. He is not without confidence that the country can be brought to a healthy financial condition without any serious derangement of business, believing the causes now operating against us to be temporary and exceptional. He speaks encouragingly of our prospects for a good crop, and of the general good times to be enjoyed during the coming year.

A CASE of sporadic cholera is reported this morning, from New York city. There can be but little doubt that the dread pestilence will re-appear in this country on the approach of warm weather. In nearly every city in the country, with the exception of our own, active sanitary measures have been adopted to ward off the scourge. Here, nothing has been done, and we shall probably, till cholera knocks at our door for victims, and then it will be too late to accomplish any good.

MR. WM. D. KELLEY is improving in the quality of his Southern speeches. At Greensboro, N. C., after he had finished, Mr. J. R. MCLEAN, a member of the Confederate Congress, publicly thanked him, declaring that what he had said would promote Reconstruction. Yet Mr. KELLEY made no unmanly concessions. His statements accorded with the sentiments generally prevailing at the North in Republican circles; but his manner seems to have been admirable.

THE sailing of President ROBERTS, of the Fenian Brotherhood, for Europe, they be regarded either as a mysterious movement on the part of the order, or as a denial to the reported contemplated raid upon Canada. Again, perhaps it may transpire that the patriotic officer has made a handsome thing out of the Irish liberty movement, and will take ease and enjoyment in foreign climes, at the expense of thousands of dupes in America.

EAGLE, the chap who offered a premium in Alabama, for Lincoln's head, was arrested last week on a charge of complicity in the assassination, but promptly secured his discharge by exhibiting a pardon from the President. It was a clever performance on the part of the pardon before legal conviction, and demonstrated the President's alacrity to screen his southern friends even from the suspicion of wrong doing.

MASSACRES made in Ireland to induce the English Government to exercise clemency in behalf of the convicted Fenians has not been without effect. All the misguided patriots will probably escape the sternest penalty of the law, and possibly be pardoned. Such a course will exert a beneficial influence upon the Irish mind, and will prove a master stroke of policy on the part of England.

THE telegraph announces that it is reported "Mr. Greeley has written to Jno. C. Breckenridge, inviting him to return to this country and participate in reconstruction." We doubt the statement very much. There are enough Southern gentlemen at home to attend to all political matters, and Mr. Greeley cannot be anxious for J. C. B's return on that score at least.

THE mission of the Japanese Commissioners, which has been veiled in mystery since their arrival in the country, is partially disclosed, perhaps, in the purchase of the ex-rebel iron clad Stonewall, now at the Washington Navy Yard. They have paid a good round price for the accession to their navy, if the figures telegraphed ($400,000) be correct.

THE intelligence from Fort Smith this morning is rather startling, announcing five thousand Indians on the war path, threatening Forts Belknap and Arbuckle. The army in the West should at once be strengthened, and the desperate, dissatisfied Indians either conciliated or driven at the point of the bayonet into docility and subjection.

THE President, on Sunday next, will resume his employment of "swinging round the circle." He will start on a trip to North Carolina. As he takes members of his family with him, instead of members of his Cabinet, it is reasonable to anticipate that he will not give his countrymen renewed occasion to blush.

WE are glad to hear from an exchange that the General F. J. Herron implicated in the financial troubles of the City National Bank of New Orleans, is not the gallant General F. J. Herron, originally of this city, but an ex-rebel officer of the same name and title.

IN the British House of Commons the Reform Bill has been so adjusted as to result in a gain to the popular cause; not, indeed, all that is desirable, but enough to make it comparatively easy hereafter to exact further concessions from the aristocracy.

THE prospects for Wendell Phillips remaining a dissatisfied man were never more brilliant than now. He declares he never will be satisfied till a black man is nominated for Vice President of the United States.

FRANCE in reducing her regular army gives sign that she means to live in peace, not war, and fears no encroachments upon her honor or rights by other nations.

FIRST EDITION,

ONE O'CLOCK.

EUROPEAN INTELLIGENCE.

French Army Reduction.

SPANISH PACIFIC FLEET INCREASED.

English Reform Agitation.

INTERCESSION FOR THE FENIANS.

(By Telegraph to the Pittsburgh Gazette.)

FRANCE.

STANDING ARMY REDUCTION.

PARIS, May 25.—The Government has taken measures to greatly reduce the number of troops in the standing army.

SPAIN.

THE FLEET STRENGTHENED.

MADRID, May 29.—The Spanish fleet in the Pacific ocean is to be materially strengthened.

ARRIVED OUT.

QUEENSTOWN, May 29.—The steamship City of New York, from New York, arrived this morning.

[*Special Cable Intelligence.*]

GREAT BRITAIN.

THE REFORM BILL—FRANCHISE QUESTION.

LONDON, May 25.—The Government has special detailed last night says: In the House of Commons at an early hour, and after an exciting debate, in committee of the whole on franchise right, as embodied in Mr. Disraeli's Reform Bill, was settled on the basis of household suffrage. The compound householder clause of the bill was rejected, practically abolished. As the measure now stands, every householder who has paid or may pay his tax rate personally instead of through the landlord, will also receive the right of voting. In the matter of the franchise qualification in the counties, it has been understood that no lodgers occupying lands, or tenements worth the sum of twelve pounds, shall have the right of voting unless duly registered. The Government at first proposed that the value of the lodgers' tenements should be fifteen pounds. The Liberals, however, would not be satisfied with less than twelve pounds. A compromise took place in the House when twelve pounds was agreed upon as the qualification for lodgers' tenements. The result is again to the people.

MERCY ASKED FOR THE FENIANS.

Influential memorials, with petitions numerously signed, asking mercy to the Fenians convicts, are arriving in that city. Cardinal Paul Cullen had called on the Lord Lieutenant of Ireland, advising that all the Catholic clergy of Ireland should preach in all the Catholic churches of Dublin, on the royal mind to clemency. A public meeting was called in Birmingham for the same purpose. A deputation of the meeting, headed by the Mayor, waited on the Mayor of Dublin at his board, was to call upon the Queen and present a petition for mercy. Lord Derby had replied on behalf of Lieutenant of Ireland, advising that all the petitions should be sent to the Secretary of State for consideration, assented to it. The announcement was received in the House of Commons with loud cheering. The answer to Lord Derby's reading was the overwhelming testimony of the Irish people, that it would be policy to extend to the Fenians mercy.

The *Herald's* Dublin special says: "The news of Burke's commutation was received here with joy by all classes."

The *Herald's* Cork special says: "Arrivals from the country districts report that a number of meetings have been held, notably in Mitchelstown, in this county, and best known by the dangerous and riotous party leaders are giving.

The Fenian O'Brien has been found guilty of the charge preferred against him, and sentenced to be hanged on the 19th of June. The sentence will, it is generally believed, be commuted.

The *Herald's* London special says: "The news of Burke's sentence of imprisonment in Mitchelstown, are not credited.

FROM NEW YORK.

(By Telegraph to the Pittsburgh Gazette.)

NEW YORK, MAY 29, 1867.

MANDAMUS GRANTED.

Judge Sutherland, to-day, granted a mandamus to compel the Chicago and North Western Railroad to exhibit their books.

THE LIFE SAVING COMMISSION.

The various life saving devices, parts of reports on the subjects presented for consideration to the Life Saving Commission of inventions recommended to the Secretary of the Treasury for adoption. Amongst the articles presented were Miller Miller's boater and surface condenser; Banks' universal boiler; Hall's patent steam pump; Detector; American Steam Co.'s gauge; Keen & Brow's steam gauge; Swaddle's patent marine steam engine; Governor Girard's steam gauge; Hall's steam engine; Andrew H. H. Andrews' single acting force pump; Hall's patent steam engine; Ashcroft's patent felt protector for steam boilers; Dickey's safety valve; American Steam and low pressure Robinson's steam trap; Farrar low pressure; Robinson low pressure; Hall's steam engine; Mallory's high pressure; Massey's linkage steam engine; Lyle & Dye's gasoline illuminator; Sturgeon's non-inflammable fluid; Bowen's steam engine; Pomeroy's steam signal bell; Osborne's communicating apparatus; a healthy ventilator; Hall's steam engine