

THE ground-hog is a played out prophet. In its palmist days it never dreamed of prophesying such a spring as this. If it only had, it would have been money in its pocket and enduring fame in its history.

REPORTS from all the wheat growing States say, that the prospects are good, for the largest crop ever known. The mild winter has been exceedingly favorable, and never before, at this season of the year, has the wheat looked so well.

At the present time the most distinguished southern men are Confed, and are the loyal southerners who stood by Union. Such is the Democratic notion of peace and conciliation.

It looks as if the Bankrupt law had about run its race. A general acquiescence in its repeal appears to prevail in Congress. Persons who desire to have their estates wiped out, or rather their estates consumed by this process, must make haste, ere it is too late.

A consuming desire to pay 102 cents for more than one ninety-two cent dollar, is not manifested by the public. The mint has not got fairly to work yet, but the cashier has already got there three times as much on hand as there is any demand for, and the Secretary of the Treasury is having his vaults cleared out preparatory to their storage.

THE Democratic State Committee has issued a call for the assembling of the Democratic State Convention at Pittsburg on the 22d of May.

The fight in the committee was sharp, but the wing of the party that thought an early Convention would perhaps head off the greenback or "National party" movement carried the day. Now the warring of the greenbacker will commence.

"What you walk into my parlor" said the spider to the fly. The National party has begun to split again. A city convention was held in Cleveland a day or two ago, and resulted in a rupture and a second convention. The leaders of the party were most vehement in their denunciations of Democrats and Republicans, declaring that no members of either of those parties could enter the new fold, and also that no admittance would be granted to "bondholders and bullionists." The assemblage was small and impressive only in noise.

SINCE the Supreme Court of Louisiana knocked the stuffing out of the Returning Board prosecutions, and ordered the release of Anderson, the Democrats have as poor an opinion of its ability, as they have of the loyal element of "Joe Bradley."

What a pity 'tis, that Supreme Courts cannot be run as easily as the balance of the Democratic machine. What business has a Democrat who, by mere chance, has a conscience or a regard for the law, on the bench anyhow?

THE Chicago Inter-Ocean says that the Legislature of Pennsylvania is considering a bill that strikes at one of the Democratic "inalienable" rights, viz., that of being "intoxicated." This bill makes it a penal offense for one man to ask another to take a drink of intoxicating liquor. Such a man would engulf the entire Democratic party, as surely as Pharaoh and his army perished in the Red Sea, and more quickly, for the party is not used to water, and it would not take much to drown it.

WE didn't want to hurt the feelings of the young gentlemen of the Democrat or expose their ignorance, when we stated that the "Recorder Bill" did not create a new officer for Philadelphia, as they ignorantly assumed it did, when following party leaders, in the attempt to raise a howl against the Republican majority in the Legislature. The naughty thing about the "Cameron lackey" in the Legislature was intended to be vicious, but we presume the recipients of it will consider the source, as the fellow said when the jack-ass kicked him. It's a long time since we studied Mother Goose's melodies, but wasn't there one that ran somewhat in this strain?

Very modest are our conciliated friends at the South. The Tribune's list of bills and resolutions in Congress, asking money for the Southern States, foots up over \$150,000,000. If rebel States secure that much the loyal north should receive twenty times that amount. But the President says the south must be satisfied at this price. That capricious old money-grubbing heart of his led in November, 1876, when he betrayed Tilden and elected, and the negro would not get his forty acres and a mule. To-day it bleeds because the southern rebel will not get his millions—not if the north understands herself.

ON the authority of a Washington Democrat, it is said that the Democrats are always had trouble with their House Door-keepers. To the average citizen, this may seem a strange story. Why should the great Democratic party have trouble with a man who opens and shuts the door of the House of Representatives? What is there about door-keeping that is calculated to sow dissension in Democratic ranks? Men who would ask such questions as these would simply show how little they know about the functions, responsibilities, and dignities of a House Door-keeper. He has the appointment of members of a brigade of door-keepers, janitors, page-keepers, folders of documents, clerks, and various other employes. The list is a long one; and an investigating committee is yet engaged in trying to find out how many men may be lawfully employed by door-keepers. Nobody seems to know. But it will be seen that the patronage of the place is very large. And wherever there is patronage, there will the Democrats be gathered together.

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Kentucky is reconstructed, conciliated, and pacified. It has appropriated \$10,000 for a monument to John C. Breckinridge. The modest sum of \$100 was refused for a national flag to float over the state Capitol.

THE latest saying credited to Ben Butler is this: A resident of Uniontown, wrote to Butler declaring he was no politician, but patriot, and beseeching Butler to aid him in obtaining an office. The General sent back the applicant's letter, indorsed as follows: "Respectfully returned. I do not believe a patriot stands the slightest chance of getting office under this administration."

THE Harrisburg Patriot and several other journals, speaking for the Democratic party, profess to see in the movement for an early convention a determination to steer clear of the Democratic name. We hope this may be the turn affairs will take, but we do not doubt the design of the May convention is to nominate a Greenbacker on a Greenback platform, and thus pick up an early worm before less enterprising birds of the Democratic rooster are of their perch.

THE decision of the Louisiana Supreme Court in the Anderson case is, in effect, that the Democrats had no case at all, and that the persecution of the Returning Board members was not contumacious by law, and was wholly without excuse. This decision takes the wind out of the Democratic sails, and virtually ends the prosecution against the members of the Returning Board. To General Anderson, personally, the decision is a vindication, and is the more gratifying to him, as it saves him from the humiliation of receiving a pardon from a Governor who would have tendered it with the pretensions, patronizing air of a monarch conferring a favor on a menial. It is the more gratifying, too, that it comes from the State Supreme Court, rather than from the United States Supreme Court, and that the decision sweeps every vestige of the verdict of the jury out of the way, and presents the proceedings in the Criminal Court in their true light. The stout-hearted man who has made so good a fight deserves all the warm congratulations he will receive. All future efforts to annoy or persecute him on this score will be reckoned as only so many manifestations of petty spite and low malice.—Inter-Ocean.

DOORKEEPER POLK has been bonned, and the Democratic journals are trying to convince the people, that it is Democratic Congressmen who are voluntarily correcting the gross abuses that he had introduced. Bah! Such stuff is too thin. The outrages and extravagances perpetrated by this Democratic reformer were so flagrant, and the proof so positive that he could not be defended, and while two Democrats on the committee of investigation were constrained to vote with the Republicans, reporting in favor of his expulsion, the balance of them tried to whitewash him in a minority report.

WHAT a charming spectacle is presented by these reform Democrats! Twice in four years the House has been organized corruptly, and the organization has fallen to pieces by its inherent rottenness.

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