

THE returns from the Spring elections in Ohio, Illinois, Missouri, Rhode Island and other states all point to the coming of a Republican tidal wave. The small craft should seek shelter without delay.

THE trial of Jacob Sharp, the bribe-giver, is ended in this country. He was summoned to appear before a higher tribunal on the fifth instant, when death put a stop to further proceedings in his case here on earth.

ON the whole the American workman will conclude that it is better that he should be able to pay \$20 for a suit of clothing made in this country under Protection, than unable to pay \$14 for an imported suit under Free Trade.

THE Presidency boom for Major William McKinley, of Ohio, is one of the most promising infants in the Republican household. It is hardy, brainy, modest and handsome. Its freedom from hypertrophy is one of its strongest features, thinks the Philadelphia Press.

THE Republican gains in the Ohio municipal elections seem to indicate that the people out there got so absorbed in overwhelming the tricky Democracy that the necessity for rebuking Governor Foraker was wholly overlooked. The rebuking will have to be postponed to some other year.

KAISER FREDERICK, of Germany, formally returns thanks for the universal sympathy expressed for him in his illness, and for congratulations on his accession to the throne. He deserves all the sympathy and congratulations expressed; and we hope he may fully recover his health and long rule the land of his fathers.

THE Democratic State Committee of Connecticut has decided by a vote of 14 to 2 to make no reference to the tariff issue in the call for the State Convention. The observer who does not see the shadow of William Hadley Barnum's fine Roman hand beneath the record of this performance is evidently going it blind in politics.

WHAT under the sun does Vermont mean by choosing Blaine men as delegates to the National Convention? Doesn't she know that the Democrats have ordered Mr. Blaine to be sick and solemnly announced that he is too feeble to run for President? The Democracy should offer itself as a witness to convict Vermont of cruelty to animals.

WE see it stated that Hon. Lucius Rogers, of the McKean Miner is talked of for Assembly in his county. Well, Bro. Rogers is one of the founders of the Republican party, has been a good worker in the harness from its infancy, and it would just serve him right if his friends should send him to the House of Representatives for it. We hope they will.

THE wrath which Mr. Blaine's letter of withdrawal provoked among the Democrats has taken a new turn. First it was heaped upon Mr. Blaine on the assumption that his letter was not sincerely meant, and now it is piled upon the Republican party because the letter is not unanimously accepted. Our friends the enemy have lost that which impoverishes them without enriching anybody else—namely, their temper.

IT is not pleasant, says the Fall River Advance, to think that the law is a luxury for the rich and an injustice upon the poor, but it is hard to get away from the conclusion that the wealthy rascal can lead the poor man such a steep chase through the courts that discretion often prompts him to suffer a wrong rather than overtax himself in trying to get it remedied. When laws are made for the people and not for the lawyers it will not be the longest purse that gets the most justice. Equity will rule where dollars now prevail.

THE latest news from Berlin indicates that Bismarck, the creator of one great nation and the conqueror of another, is to be bowled over by a woman—his royal mistress, the Empress Victoria. It is said that the Emperor Frederick joins with his wife and mother-in-law in urging the marriage of his daughter and Ferdinand, ex-Prince of Bulgaria. If this be true, it will doubtless be followed by Bismarck's speedy retirement, and hard-headed Tautou are groaning in spirit at the thought that the rule of the Iron Prince, which has brought great aggrandizement to the Fatherland, must give place to peticent government, controlled by a foreign princess. These be troublesome times for the Germans, and they may be excused for feeling nervous over the situation. —Harrisburg Telegraph.

RHODE ISLAND O. K.

The result of the election in Rhode Island last week was anything but encouraging either to the Mugwump or the Free Trader. The full returns show that Taft, Republican, for Governor, has a majority of over 2,000, and Lapham, Republican, for Lieutenant Governor, a majority of over 1,900. The suffrage amendment had 573 over the necessary three-fifths vote. The Senate stands Republicans, 25; Democrats, 6; no election, 5. House—Republicans, 54; Democrats, 10; Prohibition, 1; no election, 7. This result insures the election of a Republican U. S. Senator, which will likely be the present member, Senator Chace.

EX-SENATOR CONKLING is lying at his residence in New York in a critical condition, from a beating, in the head, which seems to be affecting the brain. His physicians think there is little hope for his recovery.

IN the death of Benjamin Harris Brewster, which occurred at his residence in Philadelphia on the 4th inst., the State loses one of her most brilliant and capable citizens, the legal profession one of its brightest ornaments, and society one who adorned her highest circles. Gifted far beyond the measure of the ordinary man, Mr. Brewster was easily among the leaders in any sphere of life into which he entered, and with his great capabilities, he was as true as steel to his convictions of duty, and was animated by that spirit of good fellowship which made and retained for him hosts of friends.

THE Democratic New York World and the Mugwump New York Evening Post have agreed that as a civil service reform President, Cleveland is a failure. The latter paper did not have to wait for the facts brought out by the Hale investigation in this city before pronouncing its opinion that expectations of reform had been disappointed, but it commends the investigation as certain to prove beneficial, and asks Senator Hale to look into the affairs of the New York Custom-house while he is about it. The World unhesitatingly declares that reform has been nullified by federal officials in this city and calls upon the President to do something about it. Well, he is doing something. He is encouraging the nullification. —Phila. Press.

THE Meadville Gazette, Col. Reisinger's paper thus hits the nail on the head again: "The newspapers of some sections are having a terrible fight among themselves over the chairmanship of the republican state committee, and it is feared that it will be so irrevocably settled by the time the state convention meets, that the delegates will have nothing to do in the matter. As we have said before, we have confidence in our delegation to the convention, and are willing to await action with patience and confidence. The unseemly racket got up over this matter is more due to democratic interference than to anything else. It ought to be understood by this time, that the Philadelphia Times is not a republican newspaper, nor does its editor ever advise the republican party to pursue any course, on any subject, unless it believes that the course so recommended will result in its injury. Possibly the Times does not understand this, but the average republican does."

ONE of the startling developments of the early part of the campaign of 1888, is the positive expression of Vermont in favor of Blaine's re-nomination. Both the State Convention and the district conferences are practically solid for Blaine, and obviously forgetful of the bitter taste the name of Blaine leaves in the mouth of Senator Edmunds. Since 1876, the Vermont Republicans have been coaching Senator Edmunds for the Presidency, and in 1884, he and his friends sulked in their tents until the closing days of the battle, when they fell in with undisguised reluctance. The State was regarded as thoroughly scored on Blaine and Jingoism generally; but now, when Blaine has declined, Vermont, the Republican star that never sets, comes up smiling for Blaine and demands his nomination. When Vermont, under the very eye of Blaine-hating Edmunds, flaps flatfooted over to Blaine, and leaves Edmunds voiceless in the delegation to Chicago, it looks as if Blaine was to be forced into the fight against all comers. Well, Blaine will must outlast eighty per cent. of the Republicans of the land; but how about the odd twenty per cent.? —Phila. Times. Well, give us Blaine, and the Republicans will see that the odd twenty per cent. are on deck when the voting commences.

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Who unto him that giveth his neighbor drink, that putteth thy bottle to him, and maketh him drunken also.—Hab. II, 15.

The wicked worketh a deceitful work; but to him that soweth righteousness shall be a sure reward.—Rev. II, 18.

GOOD ADVICE. One gallon of whisky costs about \$3, and contains, on the average, sixty-five ten-cent drinks. Now, if you must drink whisky, buy a gallon and make your wife the bar keeper; then, when you are dry, give her ten cents for a drink. When the whisky is gone she will have, after paying for it, \$3.50 left, and every gallon thereafter will yield the same profit. This money she should put away in the savings bank, so that when you have become an inebriate, unable to support yourself, and shunned and despised by every respectable person, your wife may have money enough to keep you until your time comes to fill a drunkard's grave.

On the train a day or two ago a gentleman said to the writer: "I'll give you a text for an editorial—'The Tyranny of Tobacco Users.' Just behind sat a man so saturated with nicotine that he befouled the air for several yards around, to the great disgust of ladies who were sitting near. The tyranny of tobacco users is a text often spoken upon, without avail, however. Non-tobacco users are compelled to inhale the smoke of the cigar on the street, and the odor of nicotine elsewhere. In fact they seem to have no rights which the tobacco user is bound to respect.

"The persistent and absurd loquacity of some men when in their cups and their interruption of those who are engaged in private conversation render them exceedingly disagreeable. I know some who, when free from the effects of alcohol, are gentlemanly in deportment and highly agreeable companions, but under other conditions their friends are rejoiced to escape companionship with them. Why do men put an enemy into their mouths to steal away their brains?"

The Western Christian Advocate says: "A saloon keeper in Chicago sold liquor to a young girl, who, while drugged, was taken out and ruined by a respectable character. The saloon keeper was arrested, but was acquitted by the judge, on the ground that the law forbids the sale of liquor, not to one minor, but to minors." The saloon-keepers presented a gold headed cane to the attorney who furnished this brilliant defense. An adequate characterization of such infamy as this defies the power of all language that we know anything about. We hope our readers will take a good long time to ponder this item."

It is not true that the church of God has basely and ignominiously surrendered to the world, the flesh and the devil. The great moral and social interests of the state and nation, to-day, are tamely yielded to the dictation of the beer and brandy soaked politicians, while the Christian voters meekly follow where these men lead. O that all our pulpits would thunder out God's truths along these lines until the people hear.—Sam. Small.

On the line of intemperance and its bitter fruits he said: "But if God sends the drunkard to hell as he declares he will, and if he sends the rumseller to hell as is plainly indicated by the words, 'Who unto him that putteth the bottle to his neighbor's lips,' what else can he do with the man who votes to give license to the iniquitous traffic?—Sam Jones.

Why do some men when on oath, so carefully shield the dealer in intoxicating liquors, whose business in this direction is in violation of law, when upon other subjects they will scrupulously tell the truth?

Sometimes we are applauded for a position we have unconsciously taken on the side of right; how much more worthy of praise when we are found there as a matter of choice, after due reflection.

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