

THE farmers may have done the voting for the Alliance, but the politicians ruled the Ocala convention.

TEXAS gave a majority of 170,000 against Webster Flannigan, the Republican candidate for Governor, which suggests the query, "What was he there for?"

MR. CLEVELAND is holding his breath so hard, while the boom in favor of electing Mr. Dana to the Senate goes on, that all the buttons on his waistcoat are in danger.

THE Parnell romps is fast assuming the aspects of a Donnybrook Fair free fight, and the English opponents of Irish Home Rule are gleefully enjoying the cracking of Irish heads by clubs in Irish hands.

THE Republican Congress should round out its grand record by giving the people one cent letter postage. It was promised in the last national platform, and the promise ought to be fulfilled before the fourth day of next March.

SITTING BULL is a good Indian now. He's dead. Died while resisting arrest the other day, and a half dozen of his best fighters bit the dust with him. S. B. has been the terror of the Northwest for very many years, and it must be a great relief to the innocent settlers of that country to know that he'll no longer hold pow-wows in that neighborhood.

THE Navy of the United States now ranks as sixth among the great powers of the world, but if we can keep up our present rate of progress for a few years more we shall have, not the greatest number of fighting vessels, but the most effective ships in the world. We have the best of everything else and we shall never be satisfied until we have the best navy.

It is surprising that no Democratic paper has yet attributed the condition of affairs in Ireland to the McKinley act. A Tennessee man encouraged by the new tariff law set to work to build a woolen mill recently, and a workman fell from the roof and broke his neck last week. The local newspaper published a report of the accident under the heading, "The Murderous McKinley Bill."

THERE are more ways than one of skinning a cat, as they say, and the Republican Congressmen evidently have an idea that they can get even with the next Congress, which will have a Democratic majority of something more than 140, in one way. The House Committee on the Alcoholic Liquor Traffic on Saturday agreed to report favorably to the House a bill to prohibit the manufacture and sale of spirituous and intoxicating liquors in the District of Columbia.

THE Chicago Times, having asked each of the leading newspapers of the country to name its choice of candidates for the Presidency in 1892, explicit answers were received from 182, made up as follows: Democratic, Cleveland 106, Hill 12; Republican, Blaine 52, Harrison 12. For the Vice Presidency nearly every man of note on the Democratic side is mentioned, while on the Republican side mention is made of Mr. Harrison, Judge Gresham, McKinley, Sherman, Alger, Allison, Phelps and Robert T. Lincoln.

THERE may have been good reasons why farmers who had for a quarter of a century voted the straight Republican ticket should have voted the Farmers' Alliance, or People's ticket at the late elections, but there does not exist a single sensible reason for expecting those Republicans to follow the Southern wing of the National Farmers' Alliance, which dominated the recent Ocala convention, into the Democratic party. If the Farmers' Alliance is to become merely an assistant Democratic organization its usefulness will be as completely destroyed as if it had never existed. These words are written after a long and careful consideration of the political status of the Farmers' Alliance and kindred organizations, and we beg that our farmer friends will hold a thoughtful conference with themselves upon this matter.

THE apportionment bill agreed upon by the House census committee is, perhaps, all things considered, about the best that could have been framed. It makes the House consist of 356 members—it's a pity the number could not have been reduced,—which is at the rate of one Representative to every 173,901 persons. Of the 24 members added to the House no State, with the exception of Nebraska, will obtain more than two, and no State will lose any of its Representatives.

Of the 24 new members the North and West will get 18 and the South and Southwest 6; and taking the political standing of the states to be what they were at the last Presidential election the Republican party will gain 17 and the Democrats 7. Now that the bill has been agreed upon, let the Republicans in Congress see to it that there is no unnecessary delay in passing it. Pennsylvania gains two by the new bill.

EVEN in Vermont they are adopting new safeguards for a free, fair and honest ballot; a State in which the districts are so small that every man knows his neighbors. But Vermont is Republican. In Mississippi, on the other hand, they have just adopted a constitution that disfranchises by "legal" fetters the Republican majority which the white Democrats have heretofore robbed of their privileges by the more vulgar shot gun, ballot box stuffing and perjury. As Captain Jones said, "we are tired of these three things; they are terrible legacies to leave to our children." So they adopted the new constitution, which it is expected will be equally effective. This is the difference between Vermont and Mississippi; but your attention will not be called to this difference by the Democratic journals in the North, who are just now shrieking for ballot reform.

WITH the appearance at Washington of President Palmer, of the World's Fair Commission, holding in his pocket the certificates that the Chicago people have complied with all the conditions imposed by the National Government, the issuance by President Harrison of his proclamation officially notifying the Governments of the world that the Columbian Exposition will be held, and inviting them to participate in it, becomes a matter of course. President Harrison evidently so regarded it in his interview with Mr. Palmer, when he assured the Chicago delegates that, his proclamation would be forthcoming as soon as the formalities should be completed. It is worth while to congratulate the Chicago managers of the exhibition upon their triumph over many financial and other material obstacles to their success. They have smoothed their way to a great achievement, and have done work emblematic of the energy and push of the enterprising city of the Northwest.—Phila. Press

The Southern Alliance.

The Richmond State, Bourbon freater and rampant, out-and-out free trader, congratulates itself and its fellow free traders of the country, that Southern conservatism defeated the scheme to pledge the Alliance to a third party idea. The State rejoices in the Alliance, if it will disintegrate the Republican party and vote for free trade Democratic candidates, but if it will not, then it cautions Southern farmers to avoid it, and not be led away to "gratify the political ambition of a few people." And then warning with the fear that possibly these Southern farmers may forget their Democracy, it bursts forth thus: "Southern tillers of the soil have not suffered all these years from the cruel tyranny of the party of hate for nothing. The Southern farmer is not to be taken in by the party of Hoar, Chandler, Reed and Harrison."

The Northern farmers, who are generally Republicans, and even in larger numbers, high tariff men, will take warning from the Alliance convention held in Florida. Whatever else they may agree upon they will never agree with the Southern free trade farmer who seeks a market across the sea, while the Northern farmer seeks one at home. The State is serving a good purpose by warning Northern farmers of what they may expect from the Southern Alliance.

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