

TAMMANY HALL is catching it in New York with a vengeance. At an anti-Tammany meeting held in Coon Union last week the Hall was crowded to its utmost. A grand nephew of Ex-President Van Buren presided. The Tiger had had his day.

CHAIRMAN PACKER of the last Republican State Convention issues a call for a meeting of the delegates composing that convention, at the opera house, Harrisburg, on the 3d of January for the purpose of placing in nomination a candidate for Congressman-at-Large, in place of the late General Lilly. There is already quite a contest for the vacant seat, but the contestants are principally confined to the eastern end of the State, the place being conceded to that section.

THE original constitution of Hawaii has been found and is an exceedingly biblical document. It was signed Oct. 8, 1840 and shows the influence of Christian missionaries on that island. It starts off with this sentence: God hath made of one blood all nations of men to dwell on the earth in unity and blessedness. It provides for a house of Representatives without whose consent no measure can be passed. A final court of appeal is also named consisting of six persons with the King and Premier ex-officio members. It also specifies how changes in the constitution can be made.

THE Brazilian Republic is in a desperate strait. Disaffection seems to be growing and desertions to the insurgents are becoming more frequent. It is to be deplored that this backward step in civilized government should be made on this continent where liberty had its birth. There is one thing certain the life of a republic depends upon the intelligence of its citizens. What Brazil and other South American countries need is education, not only in the sciences and arts, but to think and act for themselves. Monarchism tends to destroy this while Republicanism fosters the spirit of liberty though it is itself begotten of it.

THE Cleveland Leader says: "A very grave mistake is made by persons out of work and in want who go from small towns to the large cities in hope of bettering their condition. As a rule the villages have less excessive and unusual poverty to relieve than the great centres of population, in proportion to their resources. Able-bodied single men, especially, should make their way toward the country rather than the cities. Many farmers who cannot afford to hire any body for wages could give one or two men apiece a chance to earn their board and lodging by work in clearing up fields lately timbered or in making improvements in farm buildings and fences."

REV. DR. PARKHURST gives notice that he proposes to go much farther than his past operations in New York indicate, and in order to carry out his design the Republican Legislature will be invited to a share in the enterprise. Parkhurst wants an investigation of the police department. Much greater things have happened, even in New York, but police department is a pet institution of Tammany, and this is a variety of proceeding that even Chairman Fassett's committee did not dare to tackle some years ago when there was better reason for success. The Parkhurst movement may gain a hearing before the Legislature, but that is about all it will gain. Tammany always has a care for Tammany.—E.

MANY people are not clear as to some of the distinctions made in the Wilson Bill. We give below a concise definition from one of our exchanges: An ad valorem duty is a term used to denote a charge laid upon goods at a certain rate percent upon their value. It is in opposition or contradistinction to a specific duty, or sum laid upon a given quantity or number of goods. For instance, say a tailor should import 10,000 yards of Scotch tweed of the value of \$20,000. Suppose the duty thereon should be an ad valorem one of 25 per cent. This would be calculated on the value of the importation, and the revenue would be \$5,000. Suppose the duty should be a specific one of 25 cents a yard. It would be based on the number of yards in the importation, regardless of value, and the revenue would be \$2,500. The ad valorem method is in fact a sliding scale of duties, and the revenue goes up or down according as the value of importations increase or decrease. The aim of the ad valorem methods

is to justly apportion the duties to the value of goods imported. A specific duty is an arbitrary one, and always remains the same, regardless of fluctuations in the value of importations.

ADMIRAL DEGAMA of the Brazilian navy has deserted the Brazilian government and joined his fortunes with the Rebel Navy Commander Mello. This is a most serious blow to the Republican government. Many think the days of the Republic are numbered.

The enabling act for the admission of Arizona, New Mexico and Utah into the Union of States has passed the House. Serious objections were made to New Mexico because of the large number of ignorant inhabitants poor, bigoted, Mexicans who are not capable of self government. The objections to Utah are formidable. A great number of its inhabitants are polygamists by belief and many by practice. The Mormons who number about 118,000, more than half of the population of Utah have always been known as treacherous to the government. They resisted the Edmunds bill prohibiting polygamy, to the very point of rebellion and only submitted when it was either submission or destruction. Should Utah be admitted as a state might not another feature of states rights come up in the question of polygamy, or as they term it, a question of religious belief.

The calamity bowlers are abroad in the land. Their voices may be heard from Maine to California. Every state, city, town and village join in the wail. Disaster, ruin, starvation and death are in every section. What is the cause of all this lamentation? A little more than a year ago we had prosperity. The wheels of industry were in full motion. All labor was employed. The man who toiled with his hands was receiving on an average the highest wages per day that was ever paid in the history of the world. Hundreds of thousands are to day without employment and those who have employment are satisfied if they can get within forty percent of what they got one year ago. This great change is largely chargeable to the Democratic party, for they have begun to run the machines of the government. A policy has been proclaimed that our manufacturers and laborers must not be protected. We must buy the product of the cheap labor of Europe. Our mills must stand and rust and rot away. Our laborers must remain idle and starve. What is the use of talking of starting up industries in our towns and villages, to build up and make an enterprising and thriving place where men can be employed and money distributed where these are to be flooded with materials made in Europe at one half or one third the cost? The times are out of joint and they will remain so till this Rump Parliament of Southern Brigadiers remain in control of our Country's interest.

EVER since Mr. Cleveland transmitted his annual message to Congress the whole country has been anxiously awaiting another one on Hawaii which he said would shortly appear. Now they have it, and Grover lets himself out on it in great style. He reviews at some length the history of the revolution in which he gives it as his opinion that the revolution was not brought about by right means. Of the leaders styling themselves the Committee of Safety, he says seven were foreign subjects, five Americans, one German, and one Englishman; hence not the proper persons to be leaders in a revolt. He also accuses Ex-Minister Stevens of being exceedingly anxious for the annexation of Hawaii and being in too much haste to recognize the newly formed government, the lauding of the Marines he says was unequalled for to protect Americans as there was no riot, but was rather to encourage the Revolutionists. Assuming all these things to be true, upon information obtained through Commissioner Blount, he thinks a wrong has been done and gave Minister Willis authority to communicate to the queen his desire to aid in the restoration of the status existing before the lawless landing of the United States troops, if such could be affected upon terms providing for clemency as well as justice to all concerned. This the queen has not acceded to. The President confesses his plans have failed and now places the matter in the hands of Congress with the expression of his own desire to cooperate with them in any just and right settlement of the difficulty. The end is not yet. Many think the President has got himself into an embarrassing position from which it will be difficult to extricate himself.

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