

Maine makes 50,000 worth of spruce gum yearly.

An exchange says: "It is to us a mystery, which will remain forever unexplained, that so many persons imagine they can write poetry."

A countryman returning home from New York said, "Mr. Licensed Vender" must be a very rich man, for he owns nearly all the one-horse wagons in New York.

A fire occurred in Chicago, on the 28th which destroyed nearly two millions of dollars worth of property.

At the municipal election held in Wheeling W. V., on the 27th inst., the Democrats succeeded by an average majority of 500; a gain over last year.

Dr. A. G. Moore, of Baltimore, was shot by Mrs. Edward A. Pollard, on the 28th. Mrs. P. called on the Dr. an intimate friend of her husband, at the Matly House, to learn of his whereabouts, when a difficulty arose, resulting in the shooting.

A pretty comment upon the claims arrogated by the Radicals that theirs is the party of "great moral ideas," is shown in the fact that Wm. J. Owens, who stands indicted for the murder of Col. Wm. Riddle, has been chosen Sergeant-at-Arms to the Senate of Pennsylvania, and that on the occasion of the election of a State Treasurer last week, this Owens preceded that body on its official visit to the House of Representatives.

LINCOLN'S PLACE IN HISTORY.—Horace Greeley, in a lecture on "the late lamented," recently said in Trenton, "that Lincoln in history was next our Savior." When some one mentioned the same thing to Douglas Jerrold of Louis Blanc, he quietly asked, "On which side?"

The Cleveland Herald says "it is no longer a matter of doubt" that Hon. J. R. Hubbell, of Delaware county, Ohio, formerly Speaker of the House in that State, and subsequently a Republican Member of Congress from the Eighth district, has come out openly in opposition to the Radical Congressional policy.

The Georgia black and tanists have passed a resolution requesting the Rump to declare vacant the Chief Executive office, (the Presidency) and fill the same. Modest darkies—diffident carpet-bags! Can't they ask a favor that would be less trifling?

The South Carolina black and tanists undertook to abolish the State district courts, the other day. The devil don't hate holy water more intensely than the genuine Radical—be he white, black or ring-streaked—does the judiciary.

The Philadelphia Sunday Transcript, an original Grant paper, in speaking of Gen. Grant, says that he has "forfeited all claim to respect as a gentleman, or confidence as a soldier," and that "he has suffered his lust for office to override his manhood," and furthermore says, "a candidate who commences his career in deceit will not fail to find shame, and a certain way in the end."

THE GOVERNMENT OUR SIRENS SING FOR.—White men of education disfranchised, and unlettered plantation niggers making laws. And this is the Republican plan for making a country great and prosperous!

What are called the "loyalists of the South" are negroes, and a mean set of loafers from the North—low wretches, who were hardly recognized by the general run of even northern Mongrels.

An exchange says the country is sick from the effects of a Copperhead bite—Oh no—it is just recovering from a nagur fit!

One of Forney's subordinates in the Senate is a defaulter to the amount of thirty thousand dollars. Forney says it will nearly ruin him to make the amount up to the Government.

The following is what the New York Tribune says of its own party:—"There is enough money stolen and wasted by government officials, local and national, to pay the public debt."

Can anybody tell what the members of the Legislature do with the Purdon's Digests and Manuals they vote themselves every session?

Summer declares that "before we stop we will have a stable government." From the number of asses in the Capitol at the present time, we should take that building to be a stable already.

"Brick" Pomeroy has written two books "Sense" and "Nonsense," which have just been simultaneously published by Carleton.

A negro, speaking of one of her children who was lighter than the rest, said: "I never could bear dat brat, 'cause he show dirt so easy."

In Russia, ballet girls are educated as dancers at the expense of the government, and are not permitted to leave the country without permission of the Czar.

A young gentleman of Utica started a few weeks since to "walk into the affections of a young lady." He accomplished the feat in twenty consecutive nights. He remarked when he had finished that he "felt better than he did when he started."

In reply to a request for a testimonial as to the merits of a clothes wringer, the following was sent: "I bought your clothes wringer and I am immensely pleased with it. I bought a jug of wood which proved to be green and unfit to burn. I ran the whole load through your clothes wringer, and I have used the wood for kindling ever since."

A gambling house keeper in St. Louis complains of his being arrested recently because he and five others agreed to give \$100 each every month to a police commissioner on condition that they should be let alone.

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Judge Woodward on the Debt.

In the House of Representatives at Washington, recently, Hon. George W. Woodward of the Luzerne district made a speech on the finances, debt, &c., of which the following is a synopsis:

He scoffed at the idea that a national debt was a national blessing. Debt was no more a blessing to a nation than it was to an individual. The great load of the national debt was standing now like a hideous spectre in the path of Congress. It might be well enough for a monarchy like England, but he trusted that the simple Republican institutions of the country would not fall under the control of a moneyed oligarchy. Everything that tended to the consolidation of power, was inimical to the system of American liberty. Referring to the question as how the principal of the five-twenties was to be paid, he said that the gentleman from Massachusetts [Mr. Butler] was not faithful to the cause he had espoused, when he admitted that the indebtedness of the government incident to the act of 1862 must be paid in coin because it was contracted on a specie basis. That reason would apply to the millions of private debts which had been paid in greenbacks. Did not the gentleman know that the courts had decided that the act of 1862, the legal-tender act, applied to all antecedent debts, public and private?

If Congress had power to make such enactment, then certainly the holders of the five-twenties would no more right to claim that they should be paid in gold than all other creditors. So long as two species of legal tender was kept up in the country, differing so much in value, he should vote for paying all debts not expressly excepted in the contracts of those tenders. If the most meritorious creditors of the government were paid in greenbacks, then, in his judgment, greenbacks were good enough for the bondholders.

But he did not believe that Congress had any constitutional power to make greenbacks a legal tender. He knew that the courts of last resort in various States had declared the act of 1862 (the legal-tender act) to be constitutional. So it had the Supreme Court of the United States had not yet passed on the question. So far however as the courts had decided, he felt himself bound to consider the act as constitutional.

He would, therefore, for the present vote for applying it to all debts, public and private; but believing it to be an evil example, destructive of that good faith which should belong to all countries, violative of the constitutional rights of citizens, and not within the delegated power of Congress, he would vote to wipe all such claims out of the statute book. The effect of repealing that law, legislation would be happy. It would take away the ugly question started by Mr. Pendleton; because, instead of leveling the bondholders down to other creditors, it would level the other creditors up to the bondholders. It would bring the country back to gold and silver, the constitutional currency. If the law were repealed by easy stages it would occasion the country no shock while the law happened to be knocked on the head by the Supreme Court, the effects might be disastrous. He was in favor of taking immediate steps for a gradual repeal of a law that had done the country more dishonor and injury than any other enactment. After showing the disastrous effect on the financial and industrial interests of the State, and by the legislation in reference to them he called upon the bondholders and the officers of the 1,650 national banks to be prompt to learn the facts he had referred to. Those highly respectable and powerful classes of moneyed men had heretofore for the most part thrown their votes and influence in favor of the debtors of negro suffrage. Would they consent to do so? Would the tinsel of equalities, or the lighter metal of loyal speeches, still attract them in the same direction? If so, they might write "lebabod" upon their bonds and upon the walls of their banks. In conclusion, he said that his constituents, who were loyal to all the true interests and glories of the country, were opposed to all schemes of repudiation, for repudiation would be a stain which they would feel worse than a wound. They demanded a restoration of the excluded States as white States, and not part-colored; they demanded a repeal of the cotton-tax, and of all the laws depriving them of the immense profits formerly derived from cotton.

They wanted no restoration of slavery and had no thought of assuming the rebel debt, but they wanted to live in union with the white people of the South;—to obliterate the bitter memories of fraternal strife, and to be co-workers with them in redeeming the credit of the Government by paying all its debts in gold and silver coin, and in developing the great resources of the country. All legal tender laws and reconstruction laws, so-called, they would dismiss to the winds, with each State fully restored, and with no miserable test oaths. They would leave negro suffrage, and all other domestic questions, to the unrestrained will of their respective States. Thus he represented his constituents as he believed they would have him represent them.

THE PROPOSED REDUCTION OF GENERAL HANCOCK.—A bill is now before the Rump Congress to reduce Gen. Hancock below the military rank necessary to enable him to act as a district commander. By such despicable means the traitors in Congress expect to bring back a reign of terror and military tyranny in Louisiana and Texas. In regard to this infamous scheme, the New York Times [Republican] says: "Congress proposes to degrade General Hancock from the rank of Major General, because his course in the Department of New Orleans does not meet the approbation of the majority of that body. General Hancock won his rank by such services to his country in the battle-field as few men ever perform, and such as it is a disgrace for any public man in this country ever to forget. The men who propose to take this action in regard to Gen. Hancock are the very men who insist most loudly on the duty of gratitude to the soldier; but they keep their gratitude to the soldier strictly subordinate to their party interests and party zeal. The proposed measure is utterly unworthy of Congress, and discreditable to the party which brings it forward."

GILLIS VS. PENNSYLVANIA RAILROAD CO.—It will be remembered that on Sept. 14th, 1866, while the special train bearing President Johnson and his companions was stopping at Johnstown, a large platform belonging to the Pennsylvania railroad company gave away, precipitating the people upon it a distance of twenty feet to the ground, and resulting in the death of several persons and the injury of perhaps three hundred others. About two hundred and twenty of those injured, instituted legal proceedings against the company. Among this number was David Gillis, whose case was made a test case, and was tried last week resulting, under the instruction of the court in a verdict for the defendant, on the ground that the company was not bound to maintain a structure more than sufficient for its ordinary purposes.

George Francis Train, in a dispatch, gives the following account of his arrest: "Have just been arrested by the British Government. Was seized on the Scotia immediately upon arrival. Have told the Derby Cabinet that the American ultimatum is; Payment of Alabama claims and release of American citizens, or war."

Parties in authority state that Train was not arrested for complicity with the Fenians, but for debt.

Thad. Stevens' destruction committee have latched out another abomination in the shape of a bill to deprive the Supreme Court of jurisdiction over cases arising under the so-called "reconstruction" acts.—The prominent Radicals say that they will perpetuate their hold on power by any and every means. Having long been legislating "outside the Constitution," they have ceased to inquire—Can we do this lawfully? All they ask for in a bill is—Will it assure us perpetual supremacy?—Ex.

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