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The independent Republicans of this State are determined to relax no effort in their warfare against the machine. Wolfe's success in polling 50,000 votes has given them fresh courage. They held a conference in Philadelphia on Wednesday, and appointed a committee of seven, who were empowered to select a committee of 251, which is to consist of one member from each Senatorial and Representative district of the State. Independent Republican clubs are to be formed, and the people are to be invited to take active part in the election of delegates to the State Convention. The object is to secure control of the State Convention which meets next year to nominate candidates for Governor and Lieutenant-Governor. The leaders make no concealment of their purpose. They say, they are working for Reform within the party, and that they will not bolt, if the machine secures control of the convention. They are working in the interest of no particular candidate, but for a convention which shall represent the free will of the party. Senator Davies participated in the conference.

The Springfield (Ill.) Journal draws this sad picture of Lincoln's law partner: Bill Herndon is a pauper at Springfield, Ill. He was once worth considerable property. His mind was the most argumentative of any of the old lawyers in the State and his memory extraordinary.

For several years before Lincoln was nominated for the Presidency, Herndon was in some respects the most active member of the firm, preparing the greatest number of cases for trial and making elaborate arguments in their behalf.

It is said that he worked hard with Lincoln in preparing the memorable speeches delivered by the man who afterwards became President, during the debates between Lincoln and Douglass in 1858, and in constructing the Cooper Institute address delivered by Lincoln a short time before the war.

Herndon, with all his attainments, was a man who now and then went on a spree and it was no uncommon thing for him to leave an important lawsuit and spend several days in drinking and carousing. This habit became worse after Lincoln's death and like poor Dick Yates, Herndon went down step by step, till his friends and associates point to him as a common drunkard.

Director Swift, of the Warner Observatory, Rochester, N. Y., at eleven o'clock the 16th inst., discovered a faint comet in the constellation of Cassiopea having right ascension about an hour and fifty minutes, declination North seventy-one degrees and motion slowly westward. It has a slight central condensation but no tail visible. It is nearly round. Swift estimates its diameter at about four minutes. It is possible that the stranger is the comet of 1812 which was expected to appear in the North. The comet is in a line between the polaris and great cluster in Perseus, a little nearer Polaris.

This is the seventh comet discovered since January. Swift telegraphed the discovery to Europe and will probably get \$500, the Warner prize, the second he has received this year and the fifth awarded.

By a vote of 71 to 23 the Legislature of Minnesota adopted articles of impeachment against St. Julian Cox, Judge of the Minnesota Judicial circuit. The articles contain eighteen charges of drunkenness upon the bench, and a charge of frequenting houses of bad repute.

It is not likely that the persecutions of the Jews in Russia are yet ended. The recent proclamation of General Ignatieff, the Russian Minister of the Interior, who has been charged with the duty of alleviating the difficulty, seems more like an approval of the disturbance than like an effort to enforce the law. With the tacit encouragement of this paper from one so high in station, the persecutions are likely to break out again at any moment. It seems to be an unpardonable offence in Russia as well as in Germany to know how to make and save money better than the Stavs and Teutons do.

Some of the F. F. V.'s have been "bucking" against Uncle Sam with disastrous result to themselves. They boycotted an anti-Bourbon postmaster at Shakelfords, combining successfully to prevent him from obtaining a room in which to transact business. The postmaster represented the matter to the department at Washington, which has discontinued the post office, and the Shakelfords F. F. V.'s now have the satisfaction of going into the next county for postal facilities.

Will the Independents who have been in session in Philadelphia succeed in organizing a stronger ring than Cameron and Quay's?

It is thought there will be a falling off of at least twenty-five per cent in the cotton, wheat and corn crops of this year as compared with the crops of last year.

However bitter the feeling may be against the wretch Gatteau, the trying position in which his counsel Seoville is placed will win for him the sympathy of a large portion of the public.

It is an interesting fact not probably generally remembered or known that Judge Folger was one of the nine men in the New York Legislature in 1867, who voted in favor of giving women the ballot.

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