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POLITICAL.

Iowa is for Blaine.
All the district attorneys in Mississippi are Democrats but one.
Fourteen negroes will occupy seats in the Mississippi legislature.
Massachusetts and Rhode Island are the only states which now elect all state officers and a legislature every year.

Wade Hampton says he doesn't want to be president either. This kind of hint seems having quite a run.—N. Y. Graphic.

Boston women to the number of 700 have registered to vote for members of the school board; last year the number was 200.

The Democrats of Iowa are confident they can carry that state if the Republicans in the legislature will pass a prohibitory law.

The declaration of the Ohio wool-growers for a restoration of the tariff on that article will trouble such Democrats as Mr. Hewitt, who has been declaring for free raw materials.

"A genuine Southern ticket" which the Fort Scott, Texas, Record for advocates, reads: "For President, Jefferson Davis; for Vice-President, Fitzhugh Lee." That paper seriously urges the Democrats to nominate this ticket, which, it says, "would sweep the South."

George Alfred Townsend telegraphs to the Cincinnati Enquirer: "I think I have discovered that James G. Blaine and his friends are working for Judge Miller of the supreme court, to be the Republican candidate for President."

An enumeration of the voters of Indiana, just completed, shows an increase in six years of 41,674 whites and 487 colored, an annual increase of 7,110. The total number of voters is 484,635 whites and 10,007 colored, making the grand total 494,650.

The ticket of the Rochester, N. Y. Democrat (Republican) is commended to those uneasy men who are starting booms, etc. It reads as follows: "For president, the best Republican that can be named; for vice-president, the next best one."

Several Iowa Republican newspapers declare that recent estimates of the weakness of the new state legislature on the prohibition question are inaccurate. They say the Prohibitionists will be strong enough in the legislature to enact the necessary measures to carry through a constitutional amendment.

The total vote of Virginia for legislative members at the late election was 271,836, against 190,627 for Congress at large of 1882. The Democratic majority now is 17,934, and the Readjusters' majority last year was 5,857. The total Readjuster increase this year is 25,719, and the Democratic, 49,490.

Terrible Sufferings of Political Prisoners.

A Paris correspondent has forwarded a second letter written in blood by a Nihilist in a fort at St. Petersburg. It describes the harrowing treatment of prisoners. Prisoners are kept away, and endure as if from dead bodies before life is extinct. The number of those who go mad in consequence of their sufferings are daily increasing. Madmen are strapped down and whipped with knouts by the keepers, and their fierce yells resound throughout the night. Many prisoners commit suicide. It is said that one woman was criminally assaulted and then poisoned. Inquiries into the affair have been instituted. Rats are the worst enemies of the prisoners; a woman with a babe was obliged to be constantly on the watch, and fight night and day to prevent their ravages upon her child. The use of comb and soap is forbidden. The prisoners, especially the women, whose hair is allowed to grow, are literally devoured by lice. Prisoners who refuse to reply to questions are tortured, and criminal assaults upon women are frequent. The writer especially appeals to the civilized world in behalf of women in the prison, whose situation, he says, is far worse than the men's.

France and China.

Admiral Peyron, minister of marine, has received a dispatch from Saigon, stating that the French forces reconquered within two and a half miles of Buoninh. Admiral Courbet has reconquered the approaches to Sontag on the Red river. On November 28 the French captured a junk near Hai-Phong, laden with combustibles, and with seven men on board. The sub-governor of Hai-Phong, having been suspected of collusion with the enemy, has been sent to Saigon for trial. Admiral Courbet, in a private letter to the governor of Cochinchina, states that operations will shortly begin. He says, "We are eager to march. Another dispatch says that a Chinese night attack on Hai-Phong has been frustrated by the French. The Chinese advanced close to Hai-Phong and burned a village. French gunboats and troops were dispatched to the scene and the enemy routed."

Pacific Coast Rivers.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 9.—Pacific coast congressmen are anxious that liberal appropriations shall be made for the improvement of rivers and harbors in that section, on the ground that they are necessary, and will ask for representation in the commerce committee or the river and harbor committee, should such a one be created. Glasecock of California, will probably be the choice of slope statesmen, as Rosecrans is thought to be the probable chairman of either the committee on military affairs or Pacific railways.

Cassidy, of Nevada, will shortly introduce a bill to provide for the abolition of the territorial legislature of Utah, and the appointment instead of a legislative commission of thirteen or fifteen members, to be appointed by the president and confirmed by the senate.

Tariff Question in Congress.

NEW YORK, Dec. 9.—The Sun says: Notwithstanding Carlisle's published policy, the contest on which the democratic party is now to enter, unless some decided protest shall come up from the masses, is for the establishment of free trade to the utmost extent that is possible in the present circumstances of the country. It will be doubted whether any protectionist leaning on the part of the speaker would avail to arrest or defeat development of this decisive controversy, which present democratic leaders of the house have determined to bring up. We say, with them, let the question be taken up earnestly, and let it be thoroughly settled—shall there be any kind of protection, or shall we have a tariff for revenue only?

O'Donnell's Version of the Carey Murder.

LONDON, Dec. 9.—O'Donnell's wife has come to London to visit her husband. O'Donnell's brother writes from Listerkenny, Ireland, under date of the 7th inst., stating that what O'Donnell had determined to say in court if permitted to speak was: "Carey drew a revolver after a heated discussion, which was begun by Carey cursing the Americans, O'Donnell struck the revolver from Carey's hand, and as the latter was stooping to regain it, O'Donnell fired three shots instantaneously. James Parish, steward of the Melrose Castle, who testified, was present when the fatal shot was fired. He was not present during the quarrel, but came upon the scene afterward."

The Grangers.

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