

Too Much Sense.

It would be a very wise act, indeed, for the American people to elevate a party to power which is so "unstable in all its ways" as to be unable to determine, for any consecutive six months, or less, just what its principles are, or what line of policy it ought to pursue!

The Democratic party in this country is very anxious to be elevated to power. It wants position; it wants office; it wants to feed at the public crib; it wants to supplant the Republican party, in all the offices and positions throughout the land held by it, and entirely "squelch" it.

But what is the character of this Democratic party? Is it reliable? Does it adhere to any fixed, firmly established principles? Has it a uniform system of principles or policy in this State, or any other? It is consistent in but one thing, and that is its vacillating, unstable, unreliable course.

Before the war it was pro-slavery. After the amendments were passed, it prevaricated, divided—part accepting the situation, and others warring against it. Negro suffrage was an awful bitter pill to swallow, but it must either do that or remain in obscure, unimportant imbecility.

The party then unjoined itself, like a snake. One fragment gets the Fourteenth and Fifteenth Amendments down. They lay quietly on the stomach. The Pennsylvania Democracy felt fine in having the "new departure" secure in its paunch. But, alas! the California and other State elections transpire, and the "new departure" sours on her stomach, and up it comes.

The fact is, the Democratic party is utterly conscienceless, as well as destitute of good judgment. And this could not be otherwise, so long as her leaders are so inferior in point of brains and so corrupt in morals. Now, we ask, would it not be the height of folly and madness, on the part of the American people, to elevate this old, decrepit, vacillating, double-minded, conscienceless, foolish party to power?

In a recent issue of the Democratic organ in Portland, appeared the following facetiousness:

"The latest news is, that there has been no new developments of stealing by Radical office-holders within the last twenty-four hours."

The Dallas Republican skins it to the bone in the following style:

Just so, Mr. Herald. The fact is, the great mass of stealings of Radical office-holders that have been developed have sprung from the fertile brains of Democratic quill drivers, and the late elections prove that the people so understand them.

A violent hurricane, in Carson Valley, Nevada, last week, caused a dead tree to fall on Nayer Dadeyn, Ramuel Tradeau and Raphael Tradeau, who were engaged in sawing logs. The two former were instantly killed, and the latter seriously injured.

Another New Departure.

The Eugene City Guard, (Democratic), heads an article with "shall we organize?" The interrogatory is addressed to Democrats generally, and not to us; but we will risk the charge of impertinence by venturing an opinion in reference to it. Disorganization, or an entire lack of uniformity of faith or practice is, and has been for ten years at least, the character of the Democratic party. "New departures" have latterly been introduced for the purpose of concentrating these widely diverging elements, for the purpose of producing order out of chaos, harmony out of disorder, consistency out of wide discrepancy, strength out of weakness, success out of increasing failure.

While the Vallandighamers are for the amendments, and the Stephens are against; while the Pendletons are for paying the public debt in greenbacks, the Joneses for repudiation, and others for paying it in gold; while the Randalls are in favor of a high protective tariff, while the Brookses are for free trade, while these elements constitute the organism, the life, the existence of the Democratic party, we insist that it is a suicidal step for the Guard to think of organizing. It would be another "new departure."

HOGS.

It is prophesied by competent critics that the hog crop this year will be unusually large. Most of the farmers in the State are fattening an increased number of hogs for the market. It is thought, however, that since the trans-continental railroad has been built, enabling Eastern pork to be shipped to San Francisco at moderate freights, that our farmers will have to receive smaller profits for their pork than heretofore. But, although this may be the case, the price will be high enough to make it profitable; and as Oregon pork has always ranked high in the markets, its reputation should be kept up.

At the Massachusetts Republican State Convention, which met at Worcester, September 27th, all the candidates withdrew except Washburn and Butler, and Washburn was nominated on the first ballot. The vote stood 643 votes for Washburn, and 464 votes for Butler. Butler made a speech declaring his intention to abide by the decision of the Convention.

In a personal altercation between James H. Wales and John Sullivan, of Ophir City, Utah, last week, Wales shot the contents of a double-barreled shotgun into Sullivan's shoulders. The latter then ran a short distance, and fell. While running two more shots were fired into him, and he died in ten minutes. Wales is under arrest.

Josh Billings, in expatiating on Free Love, among other things, says:

All the free love I have witnessed thus far has existed between a villainous lecher on one side, and a lunatic virtue on the other side, that has been deodorized out of its truth, and had lost all of its modesty and shame, in hunting after a condishun where sin ceased to be a crime. The free love we have any account of was the devil.

The Jacksonville Times speaks of a beet grown on Mr. Lyman Chappel's farm, on Applegate, measuring two feet two inches in length and one foot four inches in circumference.

A new device of horse thieves has been discovered in Texas. One of a gang pretends to be a clergyman, and makes an appointment to preach in some country neighborhood. While he holds forth, his confederates make off with the horses of his listeners.

Gambling.

Gambling is a vile sin, against the indulgence of which the curses of Heaven are pronounced. The destruction of body and soul it brings upon the individual who persistently indulges in it; the sorrow, and often misery and destitution, entailed upon the gambler's family; the corrupting influence it exerts upon society, in enticing the youth and virtuous away from a life of honesty and sobriety, to one of dissipation and infamy, have stamped it with a character at once destructive of virtue and happiness—an enemy to man, and a heinous sin in God's sight.

In former years this evil was indulged in openly, throughout the country. The mind of the young and growing Republic had not, as yet, been drawn to a full realization of its character and influence. Every hotel, and steamboat, and saloon, and public place of resort, as well as many private homes, permitted its free indulgence; but, as time swept on, and the victims of its insatiate cupidity and dissipation were falling upon every side, spreading ruin and desolation among the rich, as well as increasing the destitution and misery of the poor, a demand for its expurgation arose to every lip—the moral sentiment of our people became arrayed against it. This sentiment assumed the form of stringent laws, accompanied by rigorous penalties, the object of which was to punish and restrain, and, if possible, entirely prevent the indulgence of this pernicious sin.

In many of the older States these laws, backed by a uniform public sentiment, have had their influence for good. Gambling can no longer be indulged in openly, but must seek for gratification in the secret, midnight haunts of the criminal and lawless. In newer States and Territories, the laws, if enacted at all, are not so rigorously enforced, lacking the power of a uniform public sentiment of condemnation. Here, for instance, in portions of Oregon, and in California, and in the Territories contiguous, this sin and crime of gambling is indulged in most fearfully. Men, in many instances, have staked their fortunes on the cast of a single die, or the playing of a few games of cards, and have lost. Their money has been swept away as by the wind, and wives and children, once in affluence, are now in destitution. The concomitant of gaming, too, is dissipation. Liquor keeps up the excitement and strengthens the purpose. Gamblers are proverbially drunkards, sooner or later. The brain on fire by liquor, and driven to desperation by repeated losses, how many crimes of murder are annually committed! The dust of murdered victims might tell. The chronicler of evil can alone aggregate the vast amount of crimes that annually swell into a mighty tide from this influence and practice.

This being the fact, is it not wise in every individual, in every corporation, or society, to exert every possible influence and agency to discourage, and break up, if possible, the indulgence in this vice? Should our town and city corporations show a laxity on this subject, and thus encourage the evil? Should our annual county fairs open their gates to the admission of games of chance and wholesale swindling and gambling? Should our State give respectability to such a course by setting the example? We are not finding fault with any particular county fair, for, so far as we can learn by the press, they are all alike, and equally open to criticism on this head. Too much indulgence is given to those games, which all who are informed concerning them know to be swindling games.

We know that horse-men will turn up their noses when we say, that too much prominence is given to horse racing in our fairs. The other departments are almost neglected for the want of sufficient encouragement, and hundreds of men and women are kept away because of this prominence. Let them stay away, is answered. No, that is not correct. Our fairs should be managed in such a way as to encourage everybody to come. Every department should be fully represented and encouraged; and every religious man should feel that the police regulations are such as to permit him to attend with his family, and not have his ears, and those of his sons and daughters, saluted on every hand by the most terrible oaths, blasphemies and vulgarities. Every shade of opinion should make some concession for the sake of the harmony of the whole; but that concession should not all come from one quarter.

PACIFIC COAST NEWS.

A shooting scrape occurred in San Francisco last week, in which John Jordon shot James Riley, better known as "Burt" Riley, in the left breast, just below the nipple. The wound is thought to be fatal. Both were intoxicated.

In the same city, an Austrian, named Giovanni Baumaz, the keeper of a coffee saloon, committed suicide last week by shooting himself in the stomach. No cause for the deed is given.

The Jacksonville Sentinel reports the Rogue River Wing Dam Company as taking out from one ounce to \$20 per day to the hand.

The Salem Farmer says, that Messrs. Merchant & Steeds of that place, will have an exhibition at the State Fair next week, a cake of Chemical Olive soap weighing one ton.

The same paper says that in Cox & Earhart's store in Salem, is a tomato twig containing twenty-four tomatoes and weighing five pounds. This certainly indicates very rich soil.

The farmers of John Day valley offer a bonus of \$3,000 to any one who will erect a flouring mill there. Here's an excellent chance for somebody.

The Baker City Democrat of Sept. 26th says:

Last week J. W. Virtue, banker and broker, sold to Captain J. C. Ainsworth, of Portland, a gold nugget taken out of the claim of Caldwell & Co., at Giletville, Baker county, for \$2,853. We understand it will be on exhibition at the State Fair.

The President of the San Francisco Benevolent Society estimates that there are 2,400 grog shops, 2,000 thieves, 6,000 lewd women and 5,000 idlers in that city; or 16,000 directly engaged in increasing poverty.

The number of school children in Oregon, as per returns by county school superintendents—Curry county not reported—is 34,955.

A Chinaman was shot and instantly killed by U. S. Marshal Young, of Portland, on the 26th, for resisting that officer while attempting to arrest a Chinawoman.

The Oregonian of the 25th says:

We are reliably informed that not less than a million and a quarter of dollars have been recently sent into the Willamette Valley for the purchase of wheat. It would seem that with all that distributed among the farmers money ought to be considered plentiful.

The Portland Bulletin says:

A black bear which weighed 412 pounds was killed near Sheridan, Yamhill county, last week, by Messrs. Wilson and Cary. There was five inches solid fat in the carcass. It was the largest bear ever killed in the neighborhood.

The Corvallis Gazette of September 30th says:

Twenty-dollar pieces are as plenty this year as four-bit pieces were last.

The farmers of this county have all about completed their harvest.

Thursday, as Mr. Williams, the Yaquina stage driver, was crossing the Elk City mountain, a large cougar leaped at him from a tree by the roadside. Not being armed he only escaped by whipping his team up to a 2:40 gait.

The residence of E. Vineyard, four miles northwest of this place, was destroyed by fire last Saturday between ten and eleven o'clock A. M. The origin of the fire is unknown. Loss, \$1,200; insured for \$700.

A team of two mules was drowned at Harrisburg ferry a few days ago. The load, of hides and eggs, was saved.

The other day a stick of timber eighty feet long, and 25 inches square, free from knot, spot or blemish of any kind, was sawed at Seattle.

Dr. A. M. Loryea, of East Portland, the great "Unk Weed" man, has been appointed Swiss Consul for Oregon.

Nevada has a small population, but claims to be doing pretty well in the way of production, its gold and silver yield alone averaging

\$473 annually to every man, woman and child in the State.

The average wheat crop in Boise county, Idaho, this year, is twenty bushels per acre. Last year it was twenty-eight.

Frank Brooker, of the firm of Osborne & Brooker, wholesale liquor dealers in Eugene City, absconded lately with \$900 belonging to Osborne, S. G. Saxon is said to lose \$250 also.

The Washington Territory Legislature assembled in Olympia last Monday. The Council has five Republicans and four Democrats; the House sixteen Republicans and fourteen Democrats.

The Dallas Republican reports considerable amount of grain uncut by the farmers in that vicinity.

A large porcupine was killed recently in Yamhill county by Perry Larkine. This is the first instance of the kind on record, in the State.

From the Dallas Republican we learn that Mr. John Downing was thrown from a fractious mule lately, and very seriously injured.

It is said that the steamer Alaska, which arrived at San Francisco last month from a voyage to China and Japan, brought a net weight of two millions of pounds of tea.

As the amount of this commodity annually consumed in the United States is about forty-two millions of pounds, the steamer has brought almost one-twentieth of the whole amount.

A cub bear was killed across the river, about half a mile from the Plaindealer office, last week.

We learn from the Portland journals, that a large number of Scandinavian emigrants are coming to this State and Washington Territory to engage in agriculture.

Also, that the surveyors are engaged in surveying a route along B street, for the proposed street railroad.

Mrs. Noland, of Jacksonville, while taking a horse-back ride last Saturday, was thrown violently on the bridge, receiving injuries about the head that render her condition critical, says the Times.

The Dalles Mountaineer says that there are not less than sixteen well defined cases of small pox in Walla Walla, and the disease is spreading. Business of all kinds is suspended.

A hook and ladder company is to be organized at Roseburg.

Ex-President Johnson is represented as looking better than he did when in Washington, younger and much more placid and good-humored. He says he has no political aspirations, and intends soon to go abroad and remain for considerable time.

We infer from this that Democrats in power, grow older in appearance and more ill-natured than is their natural wont. Holding office, it would seem, has a bad influence on them, and certainly their influence on the welfare of the country is equally as bad. Now for their poor sakes, and for the sake of the Nation, too, let them retire into private life, where they can grow "younger and much more placid."

The editor of the Roseburg Plaindealer tells us of a cabbage head which he received last week, measuring sixteen inches in diameter, and weighing twenty-three pounds; but he neglects to tell us how that "head" compares with his.

The editor of the Baker City Democrat was the recipient recently of a watermelon weighing forty pounds. The thinness of the editorial gruel furnished to the readers of that paper is now accounted for.

The meeting held in Apollo Hall, New York, September 30th, by the Democratic reformers, was an immense affair. The announcement of the chairman of the meeting that a Democratic organization had been established in opposition to Tammany was received with tremendous cheers, as was also the reading of a letter from John A. Dix announcing his concurrence in the movement and willingness to contribute to its success. The general committee, which had for its head ex-Mayor Havemeyer, is made up of the best men in the city.

From London, Sept. 25th, we learn, that the brig Monty, was wrecked today on Dorgheda Bar, in plain sight of a life-boat. The men refused to go to their assistance during the prevalence of the gale. Six men were carried off the hull and drowned. A lady put off from shore in a small boat, and at the risk of her own life, saved the men left on board the vessel.

The Roll of the Legion of Honor in France numbers 120,000. There are, besides, 60,000 Military Knights, whose pensions vary from 250 to 2,000 francs per annum—the total cost of the Legion being 20,000,000 francs every year. Republican France ought to dispense with the Roll.

The Encampment of Knights Templar, which recently met at Baltimore, decided to hold their next Triennial Convocation at New Orleans, on the first Tuesday in December, 1874.

The loan of the city of Paris has been taken with subscriptions for more than thirty times the required amount. Several conflicts have taken place in the past few days between French citizens and the German garrison of Dijon. The town is intensely excited.

A Polite Boy.

The other day we were riding in a railway carriage. At one of the stations an old gentleman entered, and was looking around him for a seat, when a lad of ten or twelve years of age rose up and said:

"Take my seat, sir." The offer was gladly accepted, and the infirm old man sat down. "Why did you give me your seat?" he inquired of the boy.

"Because you are old, sir, and I am a boy," was the quick reply. The passengers were very much pleased and gratified. For my part, I wanted to seize hold of the little fellow and press him to my heart. It was a respect for age, which is always praiseworthy.

SENSIBLE.—The Emperor of Brazil, having been interviewed by a correspondent of the New York World, defines his idea of education as follows:

When I talk of education, I do not refer to book learning only. There is a certain training of every citizen in the daily life of a busy nation, which nothing else can give. One of your American or English newspapers is a whole system of teaching in itself. And those who are not yet able to read it, can not fail to be largely influenced by the immense national activity of which it is the mirror. I see more clearly than ever that side by side with the schoolmaster and his book must be the quickening influence of prosperous manufactures and extended commerce.

Daniel Lewis died recently at Iron-town, Ohio, of delirium tremens; and his widow brought suit against a saloon-keeper, of whom her husband had for years obtained his liquor. The court awarded \$5,000 damages.

A crazy man having got into the gallery of the Senate of the United States during a rebellious debate, was taken out, the sergeant-at-arms telling him that he "was out of place in that gallery." "That's so," said the lunatic; "I ought to be on the floor with the Senators."

Many young children and half-grown girls are afflicted with curvature of the spine, which is produced, the doctors affirm, by requiring them to practice several hours a day on the piano without any support for the back or feet.

Fish have a great tenacity of life. It is believed that the carp has attained the age of one hundred and fifty years, and the pike a still greater age.

The total debt of New York has been ascertained to be \$116,700,858 91. The sinking fund amounts to \$19,422,333 40, leaving real debt at \$97,278,525 51.

The Grand Encampment of Knights Templar decided to hold their next Triennial Convocation at New Orleans on the first Tuesday in December, 1874.

The average weight of the human heart is 8 1/2 ounces. Its work in a day is equal to raising 124 tons one foot high.

The man cannot be upright before God who is unjust in his dealings with man.

The art of saying the right thing at the right time in the right way, is the secret of the best conversation.

Tell not your secrets to your servant, for he will then be your master.

Postoffice orders between America and England commence on the 21 of October.

George Alexander Hamilton, son of the former Secretary of the Treasury, is dead.

Drouyn D'Lhuys has been appointed Ambassador of France at Vienna.