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An Improved System.

Among the different systems of voting now in vogue in the different States of the Union, several features of the Massachusetts system are worthy of considering. This provides for two sets of judges. One of these receive the ballots and determine the qualification of voters, the other set count the ballots every hour during the voting, and note the number for each candidate at each count. Thus, this system not only gratifies the impatience, so characteristic of our people to get the election news as speedily as possible, but it also prevents ballot-box stuffing, so often committed in our cities after the polls have been closed. It obviates the necessity and fatigue of counting the votes after night, the results being all summed up immediately, or very soon after the last vote is cast, and the polls closed. It strikes us the adoption of something like this, would be a very good improvement to incorporate into our system.

Removal of Bismarck.

A letter from London to New York says the retirement of Bismarck from the Prussian Cabinet is due to a difference between him and the Emperor on the church question. The Kaiser weakened on Bismarck's course toward the Catholics, and declined further to follow him. King William owes his present exalted position to the superior statesmanship and extraordinary diplomatic genius of Prince Von Bismarck. He it was who projected the plans and conducted the measures which resulted in the unification of the German people, and in the establishment of the German Empire. To his wonderful genius and skill, more than all else, may justly be attributed the present strength, power and glory of the German people. His offending must be great indeed, to justify Emperor William in removing him from the position of Prime Minister. He has been the power behind the throne, the chief agent of its glorification. With that power removed its strength may diminish, and its glory wane.

The Fight.

The battle of last Friday with the Modocs would indicate that they are not to be wiped out so soon as was supposed and hoped. The Indians occupy a peninsula which is protected on three sides by Tule Lake. Their position on the open side is a lava bed, covered with rocks and rent with deep chasms and rugged places, which afford numerous hiding places to the wary foe, where he can pick off an approaching enemy unseen. The losses sustained by our troops indicate the bravery with which they fought. The number of Indians engaged is in excess of what was supposed. More troops have been sent forward, and more yet may be required; for the news of the defeat of our troops, will doubtless induce other Indians to join Jack's band. Having gone thus far, nothing short of whipping the Indians will secure permanent peace.

A Fight with the Modocs.

The following dispatch is from Gen. Frank Wheaton, commanding the forces against the Modocs, addressed to Gen. Canby:

We attacked the Modocs on the 17th inst. with about 400 good men, 225 of them Regulars. We fought the Indians through the lava beds to their stronghold, which is in the center of miles of rocky fissures, caves, crevices, gorges and ravines, some of them 100 feet in depth.

The Modocs were scarcely exposed at all to our persistent attacks. They left one ledge to gain another equally secure. One of our men was wounded twice during the day, but he did not see an Indian although we were under fire from 8 o'clock A. M. until dark. No troops could have fought better than all did in the attack; advancing promptly and cheerfully against an unseen enemy, over the most rugged country imaginable. It was utterly impossible to accomplish more than to make a forced reconnaissance, developing the Modocs' strength and position. As near as possible it is estimated that 150 Indians opposed the troops. The Pitt river Indians are believed to be with them.

Our loss in killed and wounded is about 40. Two officers, Bvt. Col. David Perry, Company F, 1st Cavalry, was wounded in the left shoulder, and John G. Kyle, 1st Cavalry, Company G, was wounded in the left arm, not seriously.

We are indebted to Gen. John Ross for the gallant co-operation of the Oregon Volunteers.

Capt. J. A. Fairchild brought 28 brave California volunteer riflemen who joined in time to participate in the attack.

About sixty thousand people were present at Chiselhurst on the day of the funeral of Napoleon. One of the persons who came from France to attend the funeral brought some soil dug from the garden of the Tuilleries, which he strewed over the coffin after it had been deposited in the sacristy of the chapel. Many French spies were present while the services were taking place. As the Prince Imperial was returning from the chapel he was saluted by the cry of "Vive la Emperor." The Prince replied, "The Emperor is dead. Vive la France." This reply of the Prince shows a nice discernment in adapting words to circumstances, which will operate strongly in his favor. Tact, like brass, is a wonderful agent in the race of success.

Good.

The mills of the gods may grind slowly, but they grind. Frank P. Blair left the Republican party a few years ago to become a Democratic Senator from Missouri, and now a Democratic Legislative caucus for the same position elect Lewis V. Bogy, of St. Louis. We are glad Blair is beaten. He belongs to a class of politicians whose honesty and patriotism concentrate in the benefit and glorification of self entirely.

Illinois Senatorship.

The two Houses of the Illinois Legislature balloted for United States Senator on the morning of the 21st inst., with the following result: Senate—Oglesby, 32; Trumbull, 16; Coalbaugh, 2. House—Oglesby, 83; Trumbull, 6. The two houses were to meet in joint session the next day to declare the result. So vote Trumbull.

The Republican caucus of the Missouri Legislature on the night of the 13th inst. nominated Hon. John B. Henderson for the United States Senate; also unanimously passed a resolution recommending him to President Grant for a cabinet position, in case changes are made.

LORD LYTTON.

Another distinguished man of letters, in the person of Sir E. Bulwer Lytton, of England, is dead. He graduated at Trinity Hall, Cambridge, in 1825, and at once appeared as an author. As a writer of novels he achieved brilliant success. He was the author of Pelham, or the Adventures of a Gentleman; The Disowned; Devereux; Paul Clifford; Eugene Aram; The Last Days of Pompeii; Rienzi the Last of the Roman Tribunals, and many other classic and historic novels. He also contributed to poetic and dramatic literature. Of the latter, The Lady of Lyons; Richelieu; and Money, are celebrated. Besides these, he was the author of voluminous critical articles and essays in the "Quarterly," "Edinburgh," "Westminster," and "Foreign Quarterly Review." His novels are not only read in England, but in France, Germany, this country, and elsewhere. He was raised to the peerage in 1866, as Lord Lytton. As a parliamentary speaker, he ranked among the most finished orators.

It will be gratifying to Republicans to know that with the removal of Lyman Trumbull from the Senate, the last of the Andrew Johnson Republicans will have departed. A more treacherous and selfish faction of unprincipled demagogues, never occupied Government office.

The fight with the Modocs last Friday resulted in killing fourteen and wounding twenty-three of the troops. Our forces were compelled to retire, leaving their dead on the field.

Gen. Grant's policy in the Alabama and Louisiana matters is thought to be right by enemies as well as by friends. Alexander H. Stevens has lately commended it.

EASTERN NEWS.

The Merchants' Bank, Lancaster, Pa., has been robbed of \$46,000 in bonds. Two thieves engaged the cashier in conversation while the third stole the bonds.

The First Congregational Church, Chicago, burnt on the 16th. The building and organ cost \$170,000; insurance \$100,000. Cause, defective flue.

Jones' dry goods house burnt in New York city on the 16th. Loss, \$150,000; insurance \$90,000.

It is stated that Congressmen consider the Samana scheme impracticable. The Haytian Minister thinks it will be a bad speculation.

Dr. Joshua Cavitt, associate editor of the Independent, died at Brooklyn on the 17th inst., of apoplexy.

The report of the finding of a bottle of strychnine in the cell lately vacated by Stokes is erroneous. It was nux vomica, which had been prescribed.

In the House of Representatives on the 17th, the Postoffice Committee unanimously authorized Farnsworth, Chairman, to prepare a bill to reduce letter postage to two cents, and to require prepayment on all printed matter except weekly papers circulating in counties where they are printed.

The votes for President were: Grant, 300; Greeley, 3; Gratz Brown, 18; Hendricks, 42; Jenkins of Georgia, 2; Davis of Kentucky, 1. The votes for Vice-President were: Wilson, 300; Gratz Brown, 47; Gen. Banks, 1; Julian, 5; Calquit of Georgia, 5; Gov. Palmer, 8; Bramlette of Kentucky, 3; Groesbeck, 1; Mochen of Louisiana, 1.

Grant's popular majority in the recent election was 759,137.

Several cotton failures have occurred in Manchester lately.

A Catholic priest of Fort Wayne, Ind., has just received as a present from Louis Napoleon, a magnificent gold and silver chalice to be used in the Catholic Church. It is engraved in four colors. The autograph of the Emperor accompanied it. The priest was a personal friend of the Emperor in their early days.

The will of S. F. Pike, has been admitted to probate in New York under date of Nov. 12th, 1866. It was made at Cincinnati and is to the amount of \$3,000,000. He leaves to his brother, F. M. Pike, \$1,000, and \$1,300 on the payment of a debt to his brother Henry. The balance of his property goes to his wife and three daughters.

The counsel for Stokes are pressing for a new trial. They will rely much upon the fact that two of the jurors went outside of Court for evidence, one having examined the ladies' staircase of the Grand Central Hotel, and the other examined a pistol at the gunsmith's to see whether a four-barreled could be distinguished from a six-barreled pistol. An affidavit will also be embodied in the bill of exceptions that before the trial, one of the jurors said Stokes ought to hang anyhow, and that another said if he was on the jury he would hang him anyhow.

The smallpox epidemic is creating grave apprehensions in Boston and vicinity. Three thousand cases are reported in the city. The percentage of deaths is much larger than from all other causes combined. Nearly all burials are in the night. The epidemic is said to have had a serious effect upon the commercial interests.

In the Senate on the 17th, Morton made a lengthy and elaborate argument against the present system of Presidential elections.

The bridges on the Harlem extension, between Chatham and Nassau, were carried away by the flood of the 17th.

In the New York Constitutional Convention on the 17th inst., Opdyke offered an amendment to the Constitution providing for compulsory education.

A dispatch from Albany, N. Y., Jan. 18th, represents a great freshet there.

It is stated that a new horse disease is prevalent in New York City. Surgeons call it spinal meningitis. It is thought to be an outgrowth of epizootics.

Michigan has put a State Capitol under contract for the sum of \$1,144,037 20. It is to be of sandstone, and a creditable affair—for Michigan.

Matilda Heron was placed in Park Hospital, New York, recently, for treatment for dementia.

The purchase of Samana Bay and Peninsula was made in December. The capital stock of the new company is \$20,000,000. A. B. Stockwell is President.

The prosecuting counsel in the Stokes' case thought it would be very difficult to get a stay of proceedings, and a new trial would be hard to get.

The wife of Enoch Jackson, colored, living near Little Rock, Ark., and another woman, killed him with a drag-pin last Saturday, and threw his body into a fire. They reported that he was drunk and fell in while asleep. Both women were put in jail.

At Shelby, Ky., on the 19th a desperado named Billy Wilson killed his fourth victim, James Williamson.

Hartman was inaugurated Governor of Pennsylvania, at Harrisburg on the 21st. The military and civil display were very fine.

The Minister of the Cuban Republic to London, now in New York, reports the English people unanimous for Cuban independence.

The Legislative joint session of Wisconsin re-nominated T. O. Howe U. S. Senator on the 21st.

FOREIGN NEWS.

The Shah, of Persia, is to leave Teheran next April on a European tour.

It is stated that Prince Napoleon is opposed to the views of the ex-Emperor and extreme Bonapartists in regard to the future position of the Prince Imperial.

Archdeacon Dennison, of England, has been pelted with stale eggs by his parishioners.

Recently at a trial of considerable interest in Rome, where the Court-room was crowded, the pick-pockets let loose a trained bird, which sailed around the heads of the audience, attracting their attention, giving ample time for the pick-pockets to relieve the pockets of the audience.

Of the 2,500 foreigners on the Hawaiian Islands, 1,500 are Americans, who own nearly all the important commercial and planting interests of the islands.

A grand reception was given at Chiselhurst on the 16th by Empress Eugenie and Napoleon IV to 10,000 soldiers, statesmen and distinguished Frenchmen. The Empress and son passed through the rooms, filled with people, all in the deepest mourning, and gave their hands to be kissed. Imperialists expect the speedy restoration of the Empire, and with it the Empress as regent.

Reports from the north of Spain represent Carlist insurgents as acting with terrible cruelty toward inhabitants who refuse to join their ranks. Murder and mutilation are reported. Hundreds of young men were forced into the ranks.

Bonaparte's address is prohibited from circulation among the French troops in the barracks.

The Roman Senate has approved the bill forbidding theological instruction in the public schools.

The Pope told some visitors on the 16th inst., that the bodies of the Apostles Philip and James had been discovered the Wednesday before in the Church of the Apostles. The Romish church is never at a loss for sensations of that kind, and her people take them in.

A late dispatch from Bombay to London states that a terrible earthquake occurred at Soonquhure, India, which resulted in killing fifteen hundred persons in that town alone.

Madame Catacazy not long since purchased a large portion of Eugenie's wardrobe.

The Turkish Government has sued the London Times for libel in publishing a communication, alleged to be signed by the Turkish Minister in London, containing untrue statements with reference to the finances of the Government.

The number of emigrants who left Bremen for the United States last year was 80,000; emigration from Hamburg, 79,000.

Prince Humbert has declared to the father of King Victor Emanuel that he will leave Italy if the latter declares his marriage with Countess Morfiori as illegal.

The Right Hon. Edward Bulwer Lytton, Baron, the well known English author, died in London on the 18th.

Workmen in iron foundries and rolling mills throughout Wales, have struck.

A large number of visitors were at Chiselhurst on the 19th inst. to hear preached the funeral sermon over Napoleon.

Baptiste Wrothshley Noel, the well known English theologian, is dead.