

The Sherman boom must have parted in the lumber regions of Maine, for the Republicans of that State are will log to cork up the Secretary, deeming his campaign a flat failure.

LACK of appropriations does not prevent the Government officers, high and low, from having a mighty good time this Summer, and bracing up the Ohio campaign fund, to boot.

THE ravages of the yellow fever at the South and the heated term at the North have become stale and uninteresting since the advent of the Conkling Sprague episode.

THE Credit Mobilier steal amounted to \$18,929,328, and yet we find several of these most prominently engaged in it occupying high positions in the administration of our Governmental affairs. Verily the American conscience must be obtuse when a premium is paid on such flagrant rascality.

THE Greenback cause does not loom up in Kentucky, taking the returns of the recent election in that State as a basis. It is a conspicuous fact that the Democratic party has almost entirely swallowed up the organization there, as must necessarily be the case everywhere. There is room for only two great parties. All others are mere side-shows.

If Mr. Tilden should be nominated by the Democracy next year, it will be a most significant instance, the New York Sun declares, of the popular will asserting and enforcing itself against the most powerful, the most cunning, and the most resolute opposition. If Mr. Tilden is nominated it will be because the people want him, and will have no other man.

MINISTER WELCH has resigned his position at the Court of St. James. He found the honors ample enough, but it cost him about \$40,000 above his salary (which is \$17,500) to maintain them. This must be discouraging to the ambitious aspirants to ambassadorial honors abroad. A copy of Schenck's treatise on poker-playing and wild-cat mines may assist them out of their dilemma, however.

THE Democratic party of the Union was never more solid than at present. There are no breaches. Harmony reigns in its councils and its ranks. It has unified upon the great principle of free elections. Its mission is to perpetuate the republic by sweeping from the statute books all laws that threaten the existence of our present governmental system. Until that is accomplished the Republican hope of Democratic divisions will not be fulfilled.

THE outrage-mill has ground out another beautiful romance for the edification of the people at the North, who are supposed to swallow it entire without questioning its quality. This time it is at Yazoo City, Miss., where one Dixon, an independent candidate for Sheriff, was forced to withdraw from the canvass through Democratic threats of violence, to take the Republican construction of the story, which is rather inconsistent. But, then, such a little thing oughtn't to be noticed where Democrats "have a negro for breakfast every morning" and carpet baggers cannot live because they can't hold office.

SAYS our local cotemporary: "It is intimated by Gov. Thayer's own party papers that money instead of mercy is the ruling motive actuating him in liberating so many convicts and enjoining upon them the obligation to leave the State." The facts in this matter must have been kept prominently in the background to give the above extract even the semblance of consistency it so sadly lacks, to say no more. The Mercury stands alone in its vile abuse of Governor Thayer, which our cotemporary fair would echo for peculiar reasons best known to itself; but then the Mercury has a personal grievance to avenge, which other Democratic papers can possibly have no interest in.

"OUT of their own mouths shall they condemn themselves," was never more fully illustrated than in the instance of the trimmers on the finance question. The very men who are now so loud in their ridicule and denunciation of those insisting that the U. S. bonds shall be paid in the money specified at the time of their issuance—and John Sherman among the rest—were of the same opinion and so expressed themselves no longer than twelve years ago. Now, that they have been wedded to other folk, those who have chosen to be consistent are denounced as lunatics and repudiators and what not. Time evidently works wondrous changes—and the average Republican politician seems unusually susceptible to its roads, especially on the point in question.

NATIONAL AUTHORITY.

The columns of the Radical press are filled at the present time with articles defending the "national authority," "national power," and endeavoring to instill the idea that a Democratic effort is being made to weaken the foundations of national government.

The "national authority" is derived solely from the Constitution and the laws of Congress made in pursuance thereof. This is a proposition nobody but a fool will deny. The Democrats in Congress have asked nothing and demanded nothing but that the power of the national government shall be confined to its constitutional functions and exercised in a constitutional manner.

The Republicans know well that the national government possesses no constitutional right to place armed soldiers at polling places, or to seek to "preserve order" at such polls by a display of Federal power, unless the State power has at first failed and a constitutional demand has been made for Federal aid. But, during the war period, laws were passed by a Republican Congress assuming to give the federal government such powers. These laws may have suited a time of war and martial law, but they are unconstitutional, and a menace to the liberties of the people.

When the Radicals speak of defending the "national authority," they mean the unconstitutional, tyrannical assumption of power that a sectional party foisted on the statute books in time of war and in defiance of the Constitution.

There is no such "national authority." It is simply federal usurpation. In standing up in defence of it, the Radicals are reviving the worst principles of Federalism, and paving the way for the overthrow of the local liberties of the people, which existed before the federal compact was made, and are as sacred as the Constitution itself.

The "national authority" can only be preserved by a strict observance of the Constitution. Federal usurpation weakens instead of strengthening it. It seeks to pave the way to tyranny, which can never triumph in this land save through anarchy and bloodshed, which would wreck the nation as well as the liberties of the people.

Something for Politicians to Figure On.

Estimating the population of the country in 1880 at 45,500,000, and assuming 300 as the number of Representatives in Congress, under the next apportionment, it is now calculated that the Southern States will lose seven, while the Northern States will gain fourteen Representatives. It is estimated that the Northeastern States will lose seven, while the other Northern States will gain twenty-one, making a net gain of fourteen; also, that Texas and Missouri will each gain three, and the other Southern States will lose thirteen, making a net loss of seven. Assuming that the population will be 50,000,000, as Mr. Elliott estimates, and that the number of Representatives will be 400, the best Republican authority assigns 313 Representatives to the Northern States, and 87 to the Southern States. According to this estimate the strength of the Northern States in the Electoral College will be 257, while that of the Southern will be only 119. According to the first estimate, Iowa and Kansas will gain four Representatives each, Illinois, Michigan and Minnesota three each, Nebraska two, and Wisconsin one. Of course the re-apportionment will not be made until after the next Presidential election. If it were made before then the politicians would have to revise their calculations.

Oregon as a Mining Region.

A gentleman residing in San Francisco, who evidently is unacquainted with the geography of the northwest coast, writes as follows to the Inland Empire, published at The Dalles by our esteemed friend T. B. Merry, who himself will attest that the mines of Southern Oregon only lack development to prove their value: "People here look to Eastern Oregon as the only country where honest and legitimate mining can be done. In Nevada the thieves own everything and control the courts and officers alike. All you need is honesty in mining management to develop your country thoroughly in the next two years. The Comstock ledge is a sucked orange for anybody but the Nevada Bank; and our only hope for keeping San Francisco the center of a great mining system is to aid in the development of Eastern Oregon. If the ore deposits are anywise equal to the grades of your rock, your Blue Mountain county will be the richest in your state before 1885."

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A Richmond in the Field.

That political reverend, the blustering Gilbert Haven, who would steep his ministerial robes in the filthy pool of politics and shake high the "bloody shirt," to the neglect and disgrace of the holy mission his Church has entrusted him with, has come down on Oregon in all his war-paint, fully bent on mischief. His duties as the presiding officer of the M. E. Conference should deter him from any vulgar political display; but, as he has chosen to cast the virulent efforts of Acton and Cruzan into insignificance, he has run the gauntlet of public criticism, and he must abide the consequences. As a man cannot serve God and Mammon, it is equally impossible, the Milwaukee Sentinel thinks, for Bishop Haven to serve Grant, Shepherd, Mullet and the Lord at the same time, and he should immediately choose which he will serve, and advise the result of his choice. Some of the older and more sensible Bishops of the Methodist Church should suppress Mr. Haven, whose zeal greatly overruns his discretion, and in the wrong direction.

One of the Villains Threatens to Confess.

Thomas C. Anderson, one of the late Louisiana Returning Board, being threatened with removal from the New Orleans Custom House, where he is Deputy Collector, says that if a Sherman man is put in his place he will tell the inside facts of the stealing of the Presidency. As murder will out at last, so will the truth be told sooner or later, before Hayes goes out of office, of the great crime and monstrous fraud which he came to it. To keep their villain accomplices and accessories from babbling, Hayes and Sherman have to provide them with offices of large emoluments, and hence thieves and perjurers, forgers and felons of high and low degree fill some of the best places at the disposal of the Administration.

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