

Oh My!

The "Times" hero has just ruined our little article on "Immigration and the June Election." However he's pleased that we "derive consolation &c." Thank'ee Mr. Times, But it was very unkind in you to disclose the fact that we're an office seeker, and thereby destroy our prospect of converting ourself into an Electoral college in 1880, and gaining distinction by the manufacture of a President. But we have hopes of gaining favor in your eyes by contriving a new dictionary, by skillful use of which no man need seek for office in vain, and if you won't betray our purpose further, we may let you into the secret; it will do away with the untrustworthy medium of telegraphy. But returning to the subject, neighbor, where in the name of common sense do you get such dashing array of big words? "Vacuity in his joy," "maawkish sentimentalism," "congratulatory eloquence," "uniquely arranged," &c. Another evidence of the penetrating wisdom of this rising star in the field of eloquent democratic journalism is that he has discovered "hypocrisy." Certainly he cannot mean that there is not an increase of 230 polls, as shown by the assessment roll. He can't not mean that we do not believe the evidence, that there are that number so reported. He does not deny that a great majority of the newly arrived voters are Republicans, but disposes of the whole subject by the unanswerable argument that we do not believe what we have said, and then talks of "the ridicule of the average citizen." Really after noting in nearly every issue of the Times the frequent occurrence of phrases as "average citizen," "average hoodlum," "average traveler," "average voter," and many other phrases in which the word "average" stands out in bold relief, we've come to the conclusion that he disposes of every subject on the plan of "general average," and runs a Democratic newspaper on the plan of "general average." That on the plan of "general average" he concludes that we want office, that we are a hypocrit, that emigrants are all democrats, and that the people who have heretofore bowed their necks to the Democratic yoke will continue to do so. Having determined that he has gravely solved all the foregoing problems on the plan of general average, and in absence of evidence to the contrary, we can only conclude that he is himself the standard by which he makes the average.

Old Issues

As many of the old questions are likely to come again in issue, it is well to look back and see where parties have stood in reference thereto. It is evident that a change of administration, into the hands of the party now struggling for power must work to the good or evil of the whole country. Else there is no intelligent man would work for or against such accession. We will therefore feel it our duty to dig up records of the past occasionally, and cannot help it if our brethren of the opposite belief feel aggrieved at the recitals found therein. "We have no way of judging the future but by the past." West therefore in the present issue make allusion to one great question upon which we claim that all progress and good government rests. Education! being one of the great fundamental supports of our government, the star which lights the way to all progress and civilization, it is but proper to see who has been its champions in the past, that we may better determine who to entrust with that power which shall secure to us in the fullest degree, that greatest security to happiness, progress and perpetuity as a nation.

It is said the Senate will refuse to confirm many of the President's Democratic appointments.

Democratic Principles Inconsistent with the Interests of Education.

In his first recommendations to Congress, Jan 8th, 1790, President Washington, among other suggestions, said: "You will agree with me in opinion that there is nothing which can better deserve your patronage than the promotion of science and literature. He goes on to suggest how this may be best promoted. And in his farewell address he commends the promotion of learning in the most emphatic terms, and among other things said: "Promote as an object of primary importance institutions for the general diffusion of knowledge. In proportion as the structure of government gives force to public opinion it is essential that public opinion should be enlightened." Under the ever watchful eye and jealous care of the immortal Washington, and by the approval and energy of others who saw and recognized the undeniable truth that education is the great frame work, or rather the substance of all good government, and under the protecting vine of liberty, free speech, free press, equal rights and protection to all, education sprang forth with a strength and vigor not before witnessed in any clime or under any form of government. This was particularly true of one section of the nation, but would not apply to another and very important section. And while under the influence of education one section flourished, grew in wealth, in happiness, re-sounded with all the improvements of the age, nay as a hot bed—whence sprang most of those great inventions and discoveries which have astonished the world and made it stand aghast with wonder at the astonishing progress and general diffusion of a knowledge of the arts and sciences, another great and not less important section seemed to linger as it were under the very shades of the dark ages. There ignorance was the general rule, while enlightenment from education constituted the exception. While at the north the advice of the Father of his country, and the natural instinct inherent in creatures of intelligence was followed with avidity and has secured to this nation the first position in the ranks of nations. At the south the tyrant, ignorance, placed his foot on the throat of education, and from base and mercenary motives throttled this benefactor of mankind in its incipency. None but the rich and powerful being permitted—in many cases under heavy penalties sanctioned by law—to acquire that education and intelligence which is the birth-right of all God's creatures under a free government. At the north was light and learning, at the South darkness and ignorance. Why this stain and stigma upon a nation claiming to be great, powerful and free? The answer is slavery, which can only exist where ignorance reigns. We know it will be said that we are treading forbidden ground, but bear with us and see the conclusion. With the dawn of intelligence attendant upon the progress of education, this cloud of ignorance was naturally dispelled as a mist before the noonday sun. Slavery and universal intelligence could not exist together, and the weakness of ignorance was forced to give way before the mighty power of education and its attendant intelligence. But no fiend of darkness was ever known to surrender without a struggle, hence the long war with which we are all so familiar. When in pursuing any subject we determine where truth and error rests, it is not a difficult matter to determine who are the champions of the one and the other. It is a well known fact that a majority of the two great parties of the nation at the opening of the war espoused each opposite sides in the struggle. The Republican party espousing the side in opposition to slavery—the hand-maid of ignorance—while the Democratic party, following the principles upon which it was founded and the purpose which gave it

identity as a party in the nation, espoused the cause of slavery. The positions of the two great parties are thus fully defined; the Republican party battles for freedom, education and intelligence, the Democratic party for slavery and all its attendant evils, necessary to the very existence of which we find war to the death upon education. Slavery is now extinct, but its blighting curse is yet felt throughout the land. We have now deduced from our observations the following facts, viz: that education and slavery cannot exist together. That since the establishment of our nation, the north has encouraged education and its consequent prosperity and progress has astonished the world. That the South has attempted to maintain slavery in violation of the laws of God and common intelligence, and has consequently seen its people groping in ignorance, and its fair valleys drenched with blood. The principles upon which the Republican party is founded have had their birth under all the influences of education, and are adapted to the country as it is. The Democratic party is founded upon principles that had their origin in ignorance, for the purpose of perpetuating slavery, and consequently are not adapted to that condition of education and intelligence which it was the peculiar province of that party to oppose and prevent. The one is selfish and for the gain of a few, the other is founded on universal principles of public policy and the general good of mankind. The one was established under the benign influences of intelligence and for the promotion of education; the other was established under the vicious influences of slavery and its attendant ignorance, for the perpetuation of both. Slavery is now extinct the principles that had their origin for its extension and perpetuity certainly it will not be contended are sufficiently pliable to turn now to the promotion of education which it has been their peculiar province to discourage for the last three score and ten years. The principles of the Democratic party are no more fitted for the government of the United States, and the furtherance of education, than would the statutes of Mexico be for the government of California.

Uniquely Arranged Figures.

Jackson county Democratic journal of physic is getting very uneasy over the prospects of soon losing control of political affairs in this county, but makes an admirable attempt to keep up courage and appearances by feigning a supreme disgust for our prophecy of their doom, based upon facts and figures which they do not deny, and which the "average citizen" already admits to be more than probable. It is really laughable with what a symmetry of movement it disposes of matters plain to all, and flourishes all opposition out of existence by simply putting on its judicial cap, and with the crown and gusto of a Turkish monarch pronounces all things, not in strict harmony with Democratic supremacy, as "matters too insignificant to invite attention or comment." Of course this argument convinces his average citizen.

GENERAL NEWS ITEMS.

The territorial librarian at Olympia states that the library now contains 6,000 volumes, bound and unbound. The ballast bill passed by the legislature at Olympia forbids the dumping of ballast in less than twenty fathoms of water. Quartz mines on Peahstin (Yakima) are still thought to be valuable but owing to lack of capital their development is rather slow. The ship *Ventus*, which brought iron to Puget Sound from New York for the Northern Pacific railroad, will take a cargo of lumber at Port Blakely for Callao. Physicians at Walla Walla say the water in the wells is impure, and they attribute the fevers that are so prevalent to use of water which has been filtered through all manner of impurities. This notice will fit many other places.

Editorial Notes.

Gen. Grant is in Paris. Who had the first surveying contract on record? Moses, when he surveyed the promised land. Senators of both parties are greatly annoyed and impatient at the delay of the House, as they can do nothing until the House first acts. Already two weeks of the extra session of Congress has elapsed and but little of importance has yet been transacted. It appears that Speaker Randall and his contrerers are afraid of committing some blunder which may lose them an advantage politically.

Indian Affairs.

General Sherman favors placing Indian affairs under military control. This undoubtedly smacks of good sense, as the praying policy in reference to the red sons of the forest has been an expense without a benefit, and a carrying out of an experimental policy at the cost of much life and treasure simply to satisfy a few carping fanatics. Placing Indian affairs in the hands of the military does not imply as many profess to imagine a war of extermination upon the savage, but simple protection to the citizen. It is upon the same principle as protection to the citizens of our cities by an efficient police force as contrasted with the police force of a few divines with prayer book and bible, with the belief that they can enforce all the virtues of christianity upon the out-law and hoodlum element.

POSTAL SAVINGS BANK.—The project of transforming the Post-office Department into a grand savings bank is seriously entertained in some quarters. The wide sweep of failure in this class of institutions, and the immense loss inflicted on the laboring classes constitute one of the most aggravating causes of discontent among those classes. The Government is expected to take the place of the savings banks by providing bonds at a low rate of interest redeemable on demand, and their post-masters throughout the country are to be the medium through whom such investments are to be made. The amount of deposits in this country is estimated by reliable commercial authorities as high as \$1,500,000,000, or three fourths of the national debt. There are about \$800,000,000 in Government securities which the Government can thus replace with bonds at less than 4 per cent, thus saving over \$16,000,000 per annum in interest. This, of course, would horrify the old Jeffersonian theorists, but very different ideas of Governmental functions prevail now from those of 1793. The old issues are silently disappearing and new ones are taking their place. But it is rather steep to expect that the Government will suddenly appropriate such an enormous sum of what has hitherto been private business. It will necessitate a large increase in the clerical force of the Post Office Department, but it will throw out of business a very large number now employed by the savings banks.

At Seattle, a man named Holmes who, in company with others, was on a big spree on Saturday night, was stabbed in the back of the neck by a man named Myers, the bartender of one of the drinking saloons. The wound was a painful though not a dangerous one.

An exchange says: "The Northern Pacific Railroad Co. is doing an immense land office business. The land sales by this company for the month of August last were 76,668 acres; for which was received \$339,717. The total sales of this company in Minnesota and Dakota amount to 1,025,460 acres, for \$4,754,400.

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