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CRITICISM.

The right to criticise, is one of the most highly prized privileges of our American freedom. It is one too, which we do not hesitate to improve, and which is sometimes carried much beyond the limits of absolute justice. Politics, is particularly productive of criticisms of all kinds, and in every degree. It is here, especially, that crit icism too often loses its real character and degenerates into personal abuse. The real purpose of all proper criticism is, to induce improvement. To point out the errors of men, and the weakness or inefficiency of measures, is to assist in correcting and improving them. The friction of opposing opinions which finds expression in mutual adverse criticism sharpens, the intellect had assured us. This whole system and improves the methods of the age. This is essentially an age of conflicting ideas. Bvery current event of importance such absurd exagerations, as to the is published in hundreds of papers, commented on by as many editors, and sent forth from every Democratic stump abroad to be read and discussed by and press serves rather to contribute to thousands of subscribers. These papers are ready to publish the opinions ing it. But what money was received of any one who has an opinion upon and disbursed by this committee seems public matters, and can command langaage to express it. So it comes about, that every man who aspires to posi- pended. It was, no doubt, used in tion of public trust, and every measure organizing campaign clubs, arranging proposed for the government of the political displays, paying the expenses people is, sooner or later, submitted to of political speakers, distributing docu-• very searching investigation. These ments and such other expenses as are. criticisms are sometimes pointed with under the present political arrangepersonal malice, and frequently tinctured with political hatred. But generally the true steel is found equal sion that none of it was appropriated to the test. A man who cannot withstand the pressure of honest adverse criticism and, by inherent force, repel unjust and malicious attacks is, usually, not the man to assist in leading a mighty people. But there is one element of wrong and injustice, which is especially practiced in political discussions. It is that of withholding criticism until the time for its application is past. A measure is proposed a political assembly, composed, let y, of a majority of Democrats. American people. measure concerns the whole peoand is defective and faulty. It is usiness of the Republican press, to til the measure is finally adopted, and then the objections are showered upon it, heated with all the hatred of political animus. This is what is called one kind of campaign capital, and is looked upon by many party leaders, as shrewd political management. Let the other side dig a grave, and then push it into ponent holds the certificate. This it. That may be what is known as General Chalmers, is the man practical politics, but it is not patriotwho murdered 650 union soldiers ism. Every public measure should be at Fort Pillow on the 11th of fully and freely discussed before it is April 1864. It was a cold blooded, adopted. It is not the business of parties or party leaders to make political capital, but to contribute to the exodious if he had cut the throats of the tent of their abilities to the better gov-650 victims with his own sword. No ernment of a common country. Heretofore, it has been the policy of the any office in this government no matter Democratic press and politicians, to rein what political cloak he may for the frain from the discussion of a measure time be masking. The innocent blood proposed by the Republicans, until after the measure had been adopted and forever. The telegram which he recently could not be corrected. If a law was sent to Gen Butler is an insult to the enacted by Republicans no, substantial memory of the men whom he murdered objection would be made until the law and to those Americans who yet tenhad been passed and then, what should derly cherished a sentiment of sacred have been adverse criticism was turned into abuse. It is to be hoped that the their country. Republicans will lift themselves suffi ciently above that narrow party selfishtheir several offices, District Marshal ness, to pursue the welfare and good government of the country, even at the Charles E. Henry, Postmaster D. B. expense of a sacrifice of campaign cap. Ainger and his assistant M. M. Parker, ital. And we believe they will. We H. D. Helm foreman of the congressional Record and George Spencer one believe in the days of a partial Demoof the commissioners of the Union Pacratic supremacy soon to come, Repubcific railroad, on the ground that theylicans will be found uniting in every measure which promises the interfered with the administragreatest good to the greatest number. tion of justice in the star route cases. Their removal should have been made and openly and fully discussing every method and measure without reference long ago. It is a notorious fact that to campaign capital or mere party suc- these gentlemen have been using every conviction of the principle star route Governor Moody has appointed defendents. The President has done Julius A. Stratton, Superintendent of one good act at least and let us hope the Oregon Peniteptiary vice Hon. A. that this is but a fore runner of better Bush, resigned. The appointment is highly commended by those who are acquainted with the new officer. This is a responsible office and one which it is not easy to fill; but the Governor seems to have been especially fortunate in this appointment.

BONEY IN POLITICS.

his residence in New York in the 86th During the late campaign, Demoyear of his age. Mr. Weed, was at the crats were, on all hands, loudly detime of his death, one of the oldest, and nouncing the collection of money from in his time had been, one of the government employees by Republican greatest journalists this country has managers. According to the most produced. He did as much as any moderate of them, a great many hundone man, to mould the form, and shape

reds of thousands of dollars had been the course, of the Republican party, in thus collected; while the estimate of the dark days of its birth and early the average Democratic editor reached existence. He was a political leader into the millions. Of course, by far in fact, as well as in name, and was in the greater part of this was campaign every way worthy to accupy that posicapital. The fact of these collections tion. He lead, not by accident or the was condemned by a large class of Refavor of the machine, but because he publican journals. They had no hope was best able to lead. Though foreof making campaign capital out of it, most in many bitter political conflicts, but they recognized it as a wrong that and has given and received many very ought to be righted and accordingly op- hard blows, yet no one ever questioned posed it. Now that the election is his motives, or doubted his sincerity. over, and the result announced, it is He died at'a good old age, full of years, evident that the danger of the congressional committee was greatly exagerdone much good in his day and genated. It is plain, that no such sums of eration and respected, honored and bemoney were received by this committee loved by all. as the Democratic orators and editors

Thurlow Weed died last week at

The report of the commissioner of The general land office shows that of political assessments is radically during the year ending June 30th 1882 d should be rooted out; but the land occupied by actual settlers under the homestead laws and those extent of its operation, as was heralded sold for cash aggregated the enormous amount of 15,700,000 acres. Last year the land thus taken amounted to but its continuance than assist in abolish-10,760,000. This increase of nearly 5,000,000 acres very frocibly i lustrates the fact that people are be to have done nothing toward accomcoming more and more discontented plishing the ends for which it was exwith the doubt and uncertainty of employment which depends upon the interests of employers and are seeking free and independent homes in what was once the far west. During the year to which this report refers our foreign emigration was unusually ment, considered essential to party suclarge but it has fallen far short of cess. The result justifies the conclukeeping pace with the increased occuto the corruption of voters. It by no pation of farming lands. At this rate the time is not a great way in the fumeans follows, that the men who managed the fund were prevented by any ture when there will be no more free homes west of the Rockies. compunctions of conscience from thus using if, but it indicates that the value The new governor of Pennsylvania

of money as a factor in the solution reads a short lecture to his free trade of political problems has been very brethern after the following fashion: much overrated. There is no doubt "The man who raises his hand against that money is sometimes corruptly emthe industries of the State by advocatployed to assist in carying elections; ing free trade had better hang a mill but the idea that a great party can buy stone about his neck." Step forward a political victory is an insult to the gentlemen and receive your mill stones! patriotism and intelligence of the But governor, can't you consent to let our worthy cotem. off with a grind

General Chalmers, candidate for stone? A small one you know would Congress from North Carolina, has do for him. His editorial spine is ish their objections to it, before it been denied a certificate of election. rather weak at times, and a whole mill pted, to the end that it may be He was first reported elected by a continue is really quite too much. Besides and improved. It is too often siderable majority; but the Board of _____ help it. The pressure is so the case, that no objection is made un- canvassers found the vote of one pre. strong out here, and the necessity of

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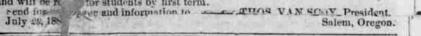
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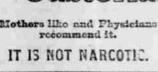
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with a Robert T. Lincoln presidential The labor Congress which has, for club. There is plenty of time however several days, been in session at Cleve- and there are plenty of available candiland has framed an act to make em- dates. The next in order for San ployers liable for accidents to persons Francisco will be a Butler and Stonewhile in their employment. This act man presidential club.

is to be presented to the Legislatures

similar to this.

its passage. Indiana now has a law Mrs. Scoville has been granted a new bushels; buckwheat, 12,000,000 bushtrial. els.

maintaining his "immense circulation," cinct had been given for Chambles in and spreading gangrene among neigh stead of Chalmers. This, it is claimed, boring journals, should be accepted in is an error; as the vote was intended mitigation of those enormous free trade for him and would have elected him figures, with which he so frequently by a handsome majority Chalmers proposes to contest the election on this enlivens his columns. ground; but, in the meane time, his op-

It is reported that \$145,000 in confederate bonds was recently sold at auction for \$12.50 per thousand. These sales of confederate bonds have CIGARS. always been a matter of wonder. No one can imagine of what possible use deliberate murder, and could not they can be, except as mementoes of a have made him more infamous or dead cause which conferred dishonor upon its advocates and distress upon the country. For fear that some such man should ever be honored with Democratic politician might magnify chis item into that frightful garment which so haunts their dreams-a bloody shirt-we will add he hasso wrongly shed should damn him that the above sale occurred before the

recent elections. Upon the passage of the river and harbor bill a much larger percentage of Democratic members supported it sorrows for the heroes who died for than Republicans, This fact was pointed out by the Republican press at the time, but the Democratic editors President Arthur has removed from have never ceased abusing the Republicans for passing the bill and insisting that it is a political issue. The late elections in the southern states show that a mejority of the members of that section who favored the bill have been returned to their seats in Congress. Governor elect Pattison of Pennsylvania promptly rises to remark hat Democratic supremacy in that state does not mean free trade or tariff for revenue only. As he understands the situation protection is assured by means in their power to prevent the Democratic control of his state. Mr. Pattison should immediately add his

name to the list of our "immense circulation" neighbor.

Marshal Henry, of the District of times at the White House. If defeat is the stepping stone to success our Columbia, says he is going to contest President has been provided with the the right of the President to remove means of making an immense success him. The former experience of Presiof the remainder of his term. dent Arthur in this matter of Presidential removals, gives him confidence San Francisco is the first in the field

in the power of his office, and might be profitably studied by the District Mar-

The annual report of the commisioner of agriculture shows the following yield of grain, so far as can be now ascertained for 1882; corn