

EDITORIAL NOTES.

Minneapolis Minnesota, raised the whisky license from \$100 to \$1,500 per year.

The President will take a three months vacation after his return from Florida.

George Scheller, who has been on trial for setting fire to the Newhall house, has been acquitted.

Sitting Bull is reported as having declared his intention to join church. Pretty hard on the church, that.

One Mr. H. D. McDaniel, has been nominated for governor of Georgia. He is a dark horse and very little known.

The colored population of Washington City celebrated the 21st anniversary of the emancipation of slavery in grand style.

Mr. Villard is now in Portland. He expresses himself well satisfied with the progress being made in the construction of his railroads.

The City Council of Portland have exonerated Chief of Police Lappens from the charge of knowingly sending a man afflicted with small pox to Walla Walla.

Darwin says: The safest conclusion seems to be that the whole work of God is beyond the scope of man's intellect and men have nothing to do but their duty.

On our third page to-day will be found a striking and instructive illustration of the comparative worth of the various kinds of baking powders now in the market.

Pluck is better than great riches, but there is a vast difference between pluck and cheek though the line between them seems not to be perceptible to a great many people.

A furious gale occurred on the north west coast of British Columbia on the 17th. Several vessels were wrecked, many lives were lost, and great damage was done to property both on land and sea.

Judge Sawyer has decided that the state law of California, which compelled steamship companies to pay a tax of seventy cents each for all emigrants landed in that state, is unconstitutional.

The coronation of the Czar, it is reported, has been again postponed. It is now announced to take place on the 10th of June. The latest proclamations of the nihilists declare that the Czar is beneath their contempt.

Joe Brady, who for some time has been on trial for the murder of Cavendish and Burke in Phoenix Park last May, was found guilty and sentenced to be hanged. The sentence will be executed some time during next month.

China has recently made large purchases of arms, ammunition and vessels of war from Germany, and is rapidly re-organizing her army and preparing for war upon Japan. Everything now indicates that hostilities between those nations will begin within a short time.

Senator Bayard says that the next president will come from the democratic ranks and, the democratic organs are hurling this utterance at the heads of the Republicans. As Bayard is one of the most illiberal democrats in the party and is, himself, a standing candidate for president there is nothing very remarkable in his statement.

Salmi Morse has at last bowed to the inevitable, and has abandoned all further efforts to produce the "Passion Play." He says he will use his theater for the production of plays written by himself. It might now be turned into a cancan variety theater, or devoted to the production of some such edifying and enlightening performance as those given by the May Fisk "Animated Art troupe."

Most of the small sized Democratic organs in speaking of the Iroquois banquet are so enthusiastic in their praise of Tilden that they forget to mention the speech of their newly elected Mayor of Chicago on the tariff question. Protection or failure, are the two alternatives between which Democracy is now placed according to Mayor Harrison. Free trade or failure says the other wing of the party. Such is the harmony which prevails in the Bourbon Camp.

Some parts of Eastern Washington and Southern Oregon are overrun with tramps. The vicious and indolent characters driven out of the railroad camps readily fall into the tramp line, and the scoundrels now complained of are probably but the small advance guard of the army which will travel the country over. In Western Oregon we shall escape the all-the-year-round tramp. This species which has come to be so great a nuisance elsewhere, can stand heat and cold, hunger, dirt, and many other miseries, but like the "hardest stone," "water dropping day by day" gets away with him. Wet climates are his special aversion.

JURORS.

A recent article in the San Francisco "Bulletin" in reference to the tests usually applied by courts to determine the qualification of a person to serve as a juror, is timely and to the point. The nature of the duties to be performed by a jurymen demand that he shall be a man of intelligence. Not of course, necessarily a man of high education or great attainments, but a man who is capable of making a logical deduction from the facts developed on the trial and thus forming an intelligent opinion. It is a matter of common observation and experience that such men generally read the newspapers, are more or less familiar with current events and usually form an opinion upon the matters about which they read. It thus happens that these men, nearly always when called as jurors, especially in criminal cases of importance, are rejected because they have formed an opinion in reference to the guilt or innocence of the defendant, and men who are too indolent or ignorant to have an opinion are chosen in their stead. There is, however, a disposition upon the part of many of the courts throughout the country to depart somewhat from the old methods and to organize juries upon a much higher basis of intelligence. The "Bulletin" quoting from the Pittsburg "Leader" says: Judge Jackson, of Louisville, took a stand on Saturday that is not worthy. He refused to release a man from serving on the jury because he had read the newspaper, and had so formed an impression of the case. The man said that although he had formed an impression he thought he could decide according to the law and the evidence. The Judge's reason for not excusing this juror was that he did not wish to exclude intelligence from the jury. The Judge certainly hit the nail on the head that time. Intelligence is what we want on all juries. The intelligent man is a safe person to trust the decision of cases to. No matter if he has heard of the subject at issue previous to the trial, he will, in nine cases out of ten, quietly sift the evidence that is placed before him, and decide according to his best judgment. Being a man of intelligence, he is of course much more competent to judge and is less likely to be governed by prejudice than his ignorant fellow-juror. The latter is, by reason of his religious bigotry, his social prejudices, his private hobbies, and his narrow-mindedness, a fit subject for a skillful, flattering lawyer to twine around his fingers, so that he may render a verdict totally unwarranted by the law and the evidence. Intelligence on a jury is a thing to be desired by everybody except by a "blarneying" lawyer who has a poor case. This tendency toward a more liberal system in the selection of juries proceeds somewhat, no doubt, from the necessities of the case; but at the bottom it has its foundation in the fact that honest intelligent men hold their opinions subject always to the influence of evidence. It is only the ignorant man whose opinion is fixed and unalterable. Of course there is in this, as in all things, danger in extremes. But there is a medium clearly distinguishable and easy to be attained. This medium is happily reached by Judge Jackson and it is the basis upon which the intelligent administration of justice demands that juries should be formed. Although it has not been a very long time since the world was startled and horrified by the terrible disaster of the burning of the Newhall House at Milwaukee public interest in the subject has almost entirely disappeared. There is however a fair prospect that the legal investigation into the origin and cause of the fire will be thorough and exhaustive. The coroners inquest held shortly after the fire was not very thorough or reassuring but the trial of Scheller for setting fire to the building promises to make some amends for the shortcoming of the coroners inquest. There seems to be but little doubt that this man deliberately started the fire with the express purpose of burning the building. This he did in order that he might thereby secure a few hundred dollars insurance upon a small stock of liquors which he kept in the house. If he did this, he ought to be made to suffer as many deaths as was caused by the burning of that ill fated hotel. The "New York World" takes a rather gloomy view of the position of the Democratic party on the tariff question. In its opinion that party must fight out this question in its own ranks before it can hope to win in the contest of 1884. Sam Randall's declination on this question is not a settlement of the differences and the little sincerity there is left in the party is beginning to assert itself much to the discomfort of the Hon. Samuel and his time-serving followers. Insincerity on the tariff question, as on all others, must end somewhere, and sincerity must begin. But there is little ground for hope that this sincerity on the part of Democratic politicians will begin in time to save the party from defeat in 1884.

SHADOWS OF COMING EVENTS.

A few days ago Carter H. Harrison was elected for the third time Mayor of Chicago. He was the Democratic candidate, was supported by the cheap whisky association, representing 5,000 saloons, and received 10,000 majority. His great success has made him a big man, and he is now understood to be posing for the Democratic nomination for the Presidency. This may account for his plain speech at the banquet of the Iroquois club in Chicago last Friday night. While others were dealing in platitudes and equivocations he talked in a most direct and downright way. When he declared that the Democratic party would meet "dire disaster" if it did not inscribe "protection" on its banners, the assertion was received with surprise and dissatisfaction; but there seems to have been no one possessed of sufficient courage to controvert him. This episode is an indication of the very unpleasant predicament with respect to the tariff in which the Democratic party finds itself. It may, indeed, be said that Mayor Harrison is not a man of any great importance in the party, and his ambition to be its candidate for the Presidency may be scouted. But this will not dispose of the burning question. In December next a congress will meet, in which the Democrats will have a great majority. In the contest for the speakership, already in progress, this question is uppermost. It will result in drawing the lines more distinctly than ever between the "revenue tariff" and "protection" wings of the party, and in precipitating a split that will very probably bring disaster in 1884. The free traders are actively canvassing for Mr. Carlisle, of Kentucky, for speaker, or they would be willing to accept Mr. Cox of New York; while the protectionists are using their best endeavors for Mr. Randall, reinforced by considerable numbers from the south, a section which hitherto has been strenuous for free trade. But there is a great body of Democrats in congress who refuse to yield the point. They have declared war on the tariff law enacted at the last session, are on the record as pledged to bring about "real revenue reform," and are supported by the greater part of the Democratic press. To all appearances the views of the two wings are utterly irreconcilable. Were it an abstract question it might be ignored entirely, or passed over with some phrases of doubtful meaning; but since it affects in a direct way the largest and most varied interests, neither side will be content with nothing less than positive declarations in favor of its own views. In the manufacturing states, certain Democratic journals sound the warning given by the Mayor of Chicago at the Iroquois banquet. Thus the Pittsburg "Post" tells the Democrats "who propose to meddle with the tariff at the next session," that by so doing "they will be held responsible for disturbing the business of the country and very possibly precipitating a panic at the outset of the Presidential campaign." It says further: "If such a panic is proposed by Messrs. Carlisle, Morrison, Herd and Beck, just for the fun of the thing, and to give them opportunity to fire off free trade speeches and commit the Democratic majority of the house to such theories, the holding of a Democratic national convention next year to nominate candidates for President and Vice President may well be omitted. It will be a very useless ceremony." The question will not trouble the Republican party so much, because that party, through force of circumstances twenty years ago, was committed to the policy of protection; and though there are many Republicans who are not protectionists, yet it cannot be denied that the protective system as it now stands is the work of that party, or that the party, through its authorized utterances, is committed to defence and support of the system. If it be asked why these Republicans have not gone over to the Democratic party to secure tariff reform in accord with their views, the answer is that the Democratic party for many years has been trying to dodge the issue. It has pretended to favor a tariff on the basis of revenue, but has always been controlled by the protectionists, so that when the legislative power has been in its hands it has done nothing to warrant keeping its pledge. Its study has been to "straddle" the question. It may try to do so again, but it will not succeed, because the Republicans will push it on one side, and the free-traders in their own ranks will push it on the other. What happened during the last month of the Presidential contest of 1880, when nothing was heard in the great states whose votes are decisive but discussion of the tariff question, is an indication of the whole course of the contest of 1884.—"Oregonian," April 17th.

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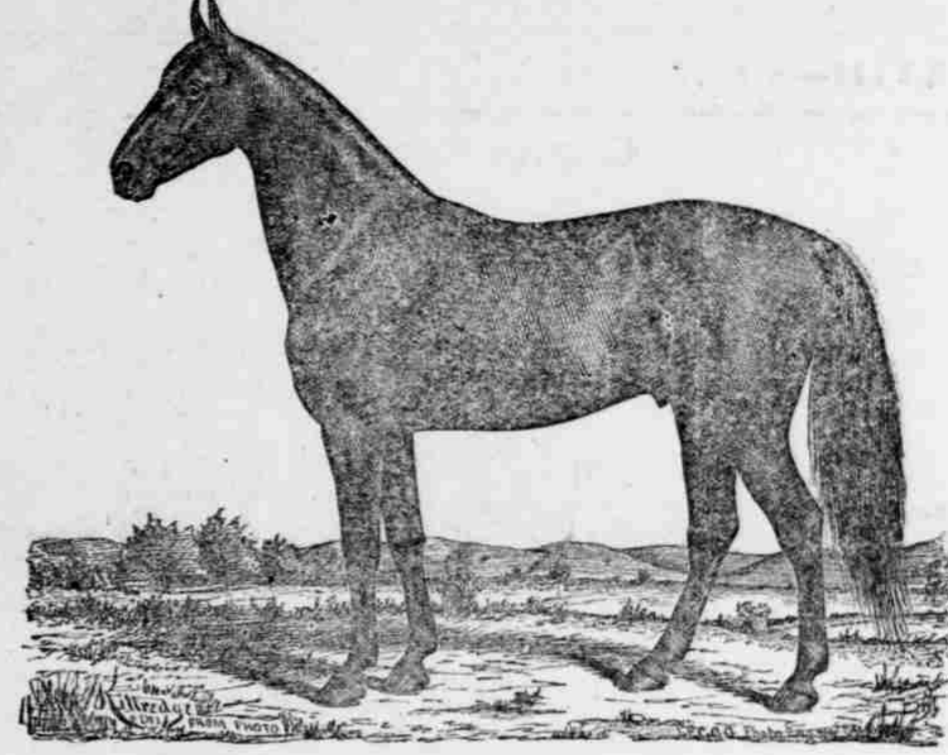
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