

WOOL INTERESTS.

Colonel W. F. Switzer, chief of the bureau of statistics on wool and manufactures of wool, in his annual report, shows that the number of sheep in the United States rose from 19,000,000 in 1860 to 51,000,000 in 1884, but declined to 45,000,000 in 1887.

A SINNER HIMSELF.

Ex-United States Senator Thurman on the 6th inst. at Columbus, Ohio, said: "An old crank down in Georgia by the name of Jackson—God forgive him for bearing that name—a disappointed politician, a man whom Grover Cleveland recalled from his mission to Mexico, some say because he got too drunk there to be of any use—the old fool, at a meeting at Macon a month ago or something like that, saw fit to make a speech and declare that the doctrine of secession was not dead."

SHOOTING AFFRAY.

A Just Retribution.

While the use of the pistol is in general to be condemned, while the community is always shocked that the deadly bullet has again got in its work, yet it is sometimes gratifying to learn that the pistol has been successfully used. When a man becomes a veritable wretch, too mean to live and unwilling that others should enjoy life, the man who puts a bullet through his brain serves the community in which he lives to the very best advantage.

IRELAND.

Slavery and oppression, in their worst forms now exist in Ireland. Its best citizens are imprisoned, and its peasantry are thrown out upon the moor to die. How long will the civilized nations of the earth look upon the brutal treatment of these people without protest? England says that Americans have no business to meddle with their domestic affairs. Yet there was a time when England held her lands in holy horror at slavery in America; but when the Slaveholders of the United States rebelled against the government and sought to divide this nation and perpetrate slavery, England gave the rebels all the sympathy and support she dared to give, to maintain the institution of slavery in the United States, and to destroy the unity of this nation.

WHAT WILL THEY DO.

At the last city election, the citizens of Ashland chose a Board of Trustees, the majority of which were prohibitionists. The day following, the citizens of Ashland precinct voted on the prohibition amendment and gave a majority for the amendment. This is conclusive evidence that the majority of the citizens of that city are in favor of prohibition, as set forth in the proposed amendment to our state constitution.

The following from The Dallas Times-Mountaineer fairly presents the interests of the democratic party in prohibition: "It cannot be expected that the Republican party will attempt to affiliate with the prohibition movement when it is recalled that the national candidate of the party was defeated by prohibitionists in 1884, and when it is considered that the extreme temperance element are maneuvered by democratic politicians for the discomfiture of the Republican organization. It was generally believed during the late canvass in this state that if the prohibitory movement was successful in Oregon, it would result in the defeat of the Republican party in the future, as it would be forced to bear all the blame of nourishing and bringing into political life the extreme temperance movement. It is not at all a surprising fact that the democratic counties in the state gave the largest majorities for the amendment, when it is fairly understood that prominent democrats entertained the belief that the success of the prohibitionists meant the defeat of the Republican party, and consequently turning the state over to the democracy. The Republican party have always been in favor of a reasonable legislative restriction of the liquor traffic; but not in any impracticable or inhibitory measures."

Barnum's great show was completely destroyed by fire at Bridgeport Conn., on the 20th inst. An alarm of fire was sounded at about 10.20 p. m., and in less than thirty minutes the building, 600x200 feet and two stories in height, was consumed. Elephants, hippopotami, lions and other beasts together with birds and trained horses were all destroyed. The fire was evidently the work of an incendiary. A watchman while making his rounds discovered the fire and started to give the alarm, but was struck senseless by some unknown person. The loss exceeds \$700,000, while the insurance is less than \$100,000.

Secretary Lamar will be nominated for the vacant judgeship in the United States supreme court, and Don M. Dickinson will succeed him in the interior department. Dickinson is a most notorious boss and heeler and holds the destinies of Michigan democracy in the hollow of his hand. What the mungump-papers will say remains to be seen. The Indianapolis Journal facetiously remarks that they will argue that Cleveland has again been deceived.

So-called temperance men have again elected the state ticket of the liquor saloons, with the powerful aid of the liquor sellers' corruption fund. The earnest efforts of Republican lawmakers to check the liquor traffic were perfectly understood and resented by the saloons. Perhaps it would not be invidious to remark, in that connection, that the saloons appear to have sense.—N. Y. Tribune.

Broadly speaking, the Republican party of the country is on the side of progress, equity and permanent and permanently beneficial legislation. The democratic party is wedded to a false financial system, to the obstruction of civil-service reform, and to such extravagances in the way of revenue systems as, if carried out, would be detrimental to the general safety and ruinous to thousands.

Grover Cleveland was desirous of restoring the captured battle flags to the Confederate States. It is in perfect harmony with this expression that he should be greeted at Atlanta by the display of a Confederate flag among the decorations in his honor. He could not take offense, of course, that the flag also bore the picture of Jefferson Davis.

The democratic party is now manifesting a great deal of interest about Mr. J. G. Blaine, a private citizen who is now traveling in Europe. The whole democratic kennel has been turned loose, and are howling on his track. The democratic howl about Blaine is positive evidence that they fear him.

In the late election in Mississippi there was no Republican opposition. This state has a republican form of government under Cleveland's administration. An American citizen has the right of suffrage in Mississippi—if he votes the democratic ticket.

The bootlickers have captured New York. Canada will lose a part of its population, and reformer Cleveland will gain some votes which he is in danger of losing. Under these circumstances democratic gladness is natural.

CLEVELAND'S BLUNDERS.

To THE CHICAGO NEWS.—Mr. Cleveland is the first president who ever undertook the responsibilities of his office without some considerable knowledge of national politics, political history and statesmanship. His failures and blunders have been such as might have been expected. The constitution of his cabinet, his toleration for Gorman as his adviser as to Maryland appointments, his solution of Mr. Bayard's un-American policy on the fisheries question, his lack of influence with the Democratic House on vital questions of a fiscal nature and on questions of finance, his microscopic scrutiny of little pension bills and his signature of the Mexican pension bill—these are representative illustrations of his unpreparedness and unfitness for the office which came to him by a series of unexpected accidents.

Only a president who had to learn how to discharge the duties of his office after his election would have shown such an inability to select his principal subordinates wisely, such lack of control over the leaders of his own party, and such a facility for blundering. But all this was to have been expected. In politics and official life, at least, evolution does not change the characteristics of the mature man. It was to have been expected of a man whose record fails to show that he uttered a single patriotic expression during the civil war that at some time during his term he would do or say something that would shock the sensibilities of the Union veterans and of those whose sympathies were sincere and fervent. The Confederate battle-flag episode incident, or something like it was inevitable.

Mr. Cleveland's double-dealing on the one question that was to be the great test of his honesty and statesmanship, civil service reform, has been growing more and more notable. He gave Maryland over to the Gorman ring at the very outset of his administration. So little national interest is usually felt in Maryland politics that the foul political practices of Mr. Cleveland's Maryland appointees attracted little attention. But they have finally provoked a revolution of honest Maryland Democrats, as earnest and just as that which was led by Charles O'Connor and Samuel J. Tilden in this city against the Tweed ring.

The security of Gorman's appointees in their continued and flagrant "pernicious partisan activity" has encouraged Democratic Federal officials in several states to defy the president's order, and not one of them has yet been rebuked by Mr. Cleveland. I am, yours sincerely, J. M. BUNDY, Editor New York Mail and Express, New York, Sept. 20, 1887.

When baby was sick, I gave her Castoria, When she was a child, she cried for Castoria, When she became a man, she clung to Castoria, When she had children, she gave them Castoria.

THE PEABODY LETTER.

The publication a few days since of the facsimile of President Peabody's letter is still the subject of much comment. It used to be considered a question of propriety to say a kind word of the result of a treatment other than that prescribed by a regular practitioner; and the time was when a man using an advertised remedy did so more or less surreptitiously. However, this has happily given away to a broader and more liberal view of things, typified in Mr. Peabody's frank expression that he knows of no valid reason why commendation should not be equally as hearty in one instance as in the other. Certainly this would appear fair in the face of the facts. He was assured that the injury would confine him to the house for three weeks or more, yet in three days use of the oil he was out and about his duties as if nothing had happened. Surely a remedy that will so practically demonstrate its efficacy and that has stood foremost, as has St. Jacobs Oil, upward of ten years as unapproachably an advertisement of pain, is justly entitled to rank as a standard. That many physicians prescribe it is true as that many physicians use it, and it is only those of the very old school who, true to ancient doctrine, can see no good in it, because it is made known to the world. Not long since one of these old-fashioned confidential notes to a friend requesting three bottles be sent for his personal use, immediately, as without his having been "simply no hands at all," continued he, "for Heaven's sake don't say I said so." This is literally true.

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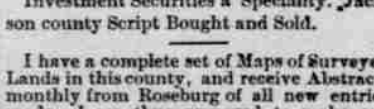
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