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The Future Prospect.

The New York Herald, while we frankly confess that it possesses but little political honesty, yet it is one of the most reliable and discerning papers in the country in relation to the future prospect of parties. It appears to keep well posted, and may always be found with popular sentiment. In a recent number of that paper, it speaks in the following plain language as to the prospects of Democracy in the future:

The Democratic party stands to-day upon the verge of a glorious success in the future, the future party which is the possession of the Presidential office and the control of the national government in 1872. We say, "glorious," because it has not the prize yet within its grasp, though all its opportunities would seem to place it within its grasp. It is still like an army in the enemy's country. It is surrounded by foes, who are to be found not only among the soreheads within its own circle, but in the ranks of the Republicans, who are watching every weak point in the daily action of the party, eager to take advantage of anything that may be used against it. Therefore, in a spirit not unfriendly, and being in the general national party, we have to be more generous, more American principles than the Republican party, which represents centralization of authority, concentration of wealth and unreplicable exclusiveness, we warn the triumphant Democracy of New York that they must not imperil their chances of success in the next quarter of a century at least. The prize, we have said, is almost within their grasp, but they must not go too far even in their triumph. While we abuse no one, we give a friendly advice to all the leaders of the New York Democracy that they must not allow their future prospects to be a general national party to elude their grasp for the sake of small temporary advantages. The prize is in view. Let them secure it by cautious and wise action.

Another outrage.—The House of Representatives on the 15th inst. passed a bill to enforce the rights of citizens under the so-called 15th amendment. The bill provides for the appointment by the United States Circuit Judge, of two Supervisors of elections, for all towns over 2,000 inhabitants, and for a Chief Supervisor for each judicial district. It enables United States Marshals and Deputies to call to their aid bystanders, or posse comitatus, and provides that all elections of Representatives to Congress be held in conformity with the provisions of the State laws to the contrary notwithstanding. This infamous measure is intended to take from the States their rights to control their elections. One by one the reserved rights of the States have been usurped by Congress, and solely for the purpose of keeping in power a corrupt and dishonest party, which has disregarded and trampled under foot every provision of the Constitution. By the passage of this bill it is sought to override and awe the will of the people at the next Presidential election. We have seen much confidence in the American people to even think for a moment that they are so lost to all the instincts of honor and manhood that they will tamely stand by and see the previous rights transferred to their keeping by the lawless hands of a country rascally torn from their hands without striking a blow. Sooner than forget these rights we would rather see the country engaged in blood. The American people have in the past stood much, but it is said that even patience ceases to be a virtue at a certain period, and we mistake not that time has arrived. Let the Radicals beware how they tamper with the rights of the people. Slaves they are not and never will be.—H. W. Statesman.

Speech.—An exchange says that the "High Commission" has spoiled the game of several enterprising Radicals very badly. Mr. Morton is knocked into a cocked hat, with all his ambitious hopes, after having trodged to Indiana to arrange his plans for a transfer to the Department of State. Even should Mr. Fish go out at the end of this negotiation, there will be no political harvest for the unfortunate Morton to glean. He will follow for a time in the dull chronology of official succession, and then disappear with the incoming of the Democratic President, in 1873. Poor Ben Butler is completely extinguished and intensely indignant at the same time. He claims to have stirred up the British lion, and therefore it links the President should have offered him one of the places instead of Williams, of whom he (H. B.) has no very exalted opinion. Mr. Schenck is not altogether content to be a fifth wheel to the Commission coach, instead of the "mighty magnificent three-tailed Bashaw" at London. Then Mr. Sumner has been sent to Coventry, with his ego et rebus to keep him company. He had no hand in the business, and can have none now but an inferior part. It was really too bad in Mr. Fish to have inflicted so much misery at a single blow. Morton, Butler, Schenck, and Sumner, at one full sweep! Candidates for the Presidency and expectant Secretaries of State all buried under one High Commission! Let us, however, not speak lightly of the buried dead.

The second time.—Our readers will remember that some time ago we noticed the fact that Sheriff Jackson, of Trinity county, California, was arrested on an indictment found against him by the U. S. grand jury, for collecting Chinese taxes in accordance with the State law, which is held to be in conflict with the fifteenth amendment. It appears that Mr. H. had a soda fountain in his candy factory and in connection therewith sold liquor without the necessary U. S. license. We believe that every citizen should obey the laws, but can only regard the man who would play the spy and informer in order to procure his reward with greater contempt than the one who violates this unjust and outrageous law. Mr. Holbert is a hard-working, industrious citizen, and the severe punishment which the law inflicts, is paramount to taking all he has accumulated by long years of labor. He was sentenced to six months' imprisonment in the Marion county jail, and fined \$1,000, of which one-half goes to the informer, and it is a matter of regret that he don't get all the imprisonment.

Trouble in camp.—From late papers we see that considerable trouble has been going on in Arkansas between the Radicals. Gov. Clayton secured his election to the U. S. Senate by the aid of Federal agents and their control. The office of Governor would have fallen to Lieut. Gov. Johnson, who the Governor does not like, and Clayton was determined to get rid of him, and Johnson's friends, in retaliation, were about to impeach Clayton. The matter was finally adjusted by Clayton resigning the Governorship and holding on to the office of Governor. Serious trouble was at one time anticipated, as the loyal Governor determined to resist his impeachment by the force of Federal soldiers which are under his control. He is the State of Arkansas, and under the reconstruction act for that State, he has the power to perpetrate himself in office as long as he may desire.

The forty second Congress.—The Democracy have 95 members in the 42d Congress as the roll stood at the opening of the session, out of 227, giving the Republicans a majority of 35. Since that, New Hampshire has elected three more Democrats; California will add three more, also Connecticut three and Texas two, making a total of 105; giving the Radicals the two to be elected to fill the one from Connecticut, the House will stand 135 Democrats and 138 Radicals and Conservatives. In the 41st Congress the Democrats had only 65 members.

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DEMOCRATIC CAUCUS.—A correspondent of the New York Herald, writing from Washington, under date of the 21st ult., says that the Democratic Members held a caucus to-night in the Hall of Representatives. Mr. Niblack in the chair, and Mr. Reeves acting as secretary. A number of Democratic members were also present. The Congressional Executive Committee made a report of their labors during the last year's campaign, from which it appeared that the expenses for circulating documents amounted to \$12,000, and the collections \$9,000, leaving a deficit of \$3,000. To pay this Representative Cox, of New York, gave his individual check, thus settling all indebtedness. The caucus unanimously passed a resolution compelling the committee for the manner in which they discharged the duties imposed upon them, and continuing the committee.

THE WAY.—The way the people are defrauded by their servants at Washington may be inferred from the following paragraph, taken from a Washington paper:

Messrs. Beaman, Washburn of Wisconsin, and Schick constitute the subcommittee to investigate the last fraudulent contract for envelopes, made by the Postmaster General with George H. Reay, of New York. We say the last, because he had previously made two others with the same person, one of which Congress annulled last July for its barefaced fraud and illegal inception. In defiance of that condemnation, Mr. Creswell and his associates, Mr. Pettit, conspired and broke another contract, in order to secure this favored jobber, at a cost of \$125,000 to the country. The facts are too well known to need repetition. The contract at white-washing, either by evasion of duty or failure to condemn fraud, will involve all concerned in it in exposure. The time has at last come when corruption will be ventilated, no matter who may suffer.

"They (State officers) shall receive no fees or perquisites whatever for the performance of any duties connected with their respective offices." So says the Constitution of Oregon.

The Oregonian quotes the above. We can't see why that paper desires to remind Gov. Woods of his violation of this clause. The Governor took in quite a little sum for school certificates, but it is very unkind in the Oregonian to harp on such a little matter.

The Oregonian wants to know what is going to become of warrants, according to Judge Boise's decision, which have been drawn by Secretary Chadwick, where there has been no appropriation made. It is denied that he has drawn any such warrants, but if he has, they will meet the same fate as those issued by Secretary May, unless the next Legislature will legalize them. That's what will become of them.

LEFT THEM.—Hon. Geo. W. Booker one of the Radical Congressmen elected from Virginia, can no longer stay with his party, and bids them farewell in the following emphatic style:

"For my own part I have washed my hands of the concern (the Republican party in Virginia) I intend hereafter to act with the Democratic party. I never intended to be a party to a proceeding which will hand my people over to the tender mercies of a set of vagabond adventurers who have come here