

WHY should the two parties bother about platforms. What they need are votes.

MASSACHUSETTS is about to pass a law abolishing the poll-tax qualification for voters in that state.

THE average price of farm labor for the whole United States is \$18.56 per month, an increase of nearly forty per cent since 1854.

RESOLUTIONS by the miners of the Cour d'Alene: "Not a Chinaman shall ever enter the diggings unless he climbs a tree, with one end of a lariat over a limb."

IMPORTED silk now comes from New Jersey, English pudding is made in Delaware, French sauces are made in Connecticut, Rhine wine is bottled in California and American beef is raised in England.

IN Dakota married women retain their own real and personal property, and may make contracts, sue and be sued, as if single. Neither husband nor wife has any interest in the property of the other.

ENGLAND'S appeal to us to suppress the dynamiters is pathetic; but it forgets that this is the presidential year, and we have enough to do to suppress the patriots who want to save the country.

IT is noted as a curious fact that the present greatest rival of the United States in the production of wheat, India, is a country in which the lands have been worn by ages of constant cultivation.

THE publisher of a Southern county paper states, in suspending it, that he has been clearing just \$30 a month. We don't wonder he feels justified in retiring. Who ever heard of a country editor that cleared anything before?

EIGHTY-THREE per cent of the population of the United States is composed of white natives and the immigrants from Germany and Great Britain, leaving four per cent for other countries and thirteen per cent for those of African descent.

GEORGIA is a very productive state. It appears among her statistics that there is an average of 16 1/2 babies born daily throughout the year, including Sundays. Georgia is probably the only state in the country where two-thirds of a baby is born.

NABOB VANDERBILT says he considers journalism "the meanest business a man can be in." Any person who has been handled like Mr. Vanderbilt naturally thinks newspapers bad institutions. The Indian who tried to lasso a locomotive never afterward had much of an opinion of railroads.

MR. SPRINGER'S proposition to increase the term of representatives in congress from two to three years comes at a very inopportune time. With the present house in plain view, the people cannot be expected to think for a moment of adding another year to the period they must wait before they can make escape from such inflictions.

THE San Francisco Grocer says in beginning an editorial on the tariff "We will take quinine to illustrate the workings of protection." All right! You can take quinine if you want to. Why in the world you select quinine when there are so many nicer tasting things to take is what gets us. Nor is it quite clear how your taking quinine is going to "illustrate the workings of protection." Probably the San Francisco man has got ague and protection mixed.

FOR the first time in its history the Republican party seems to have a man who is stronger as a candidate for nomination to the vice presidency than any aspirant is for the presidential nomination. Secretary Lincoln is apparently the favorite everywhere for the second place on the ticket, and his name is mentioned in that connection by the friends of nearly all the gentlemen who are understood to be fishing for the presidency.

THE recent battle on the shores of the Red Sea afforded the one thousand and first illustration of the superiority of disciplined troops. Not quite a hundred years ago Napoleon won victories in Egypt over just such adversaries as the English have encountered at Teb and Tel-el-Kebir. Moors, Romans and Greeks, one after the other, have fought all over the regions of Africa, Asia and Europe in the neighborhood of the Mediterranean, and trained valor has hardly ever failed to overcome unskilled fanaticism.

SENATOR RIDDLEBERGER, the Virginian Readjuster, is a fluent stump speaker, and noted for the ease with which he slips over the strong points scored by his opponents in a personal debate. Upon one occasion, at Winchester, after listening to a masterly presentation of the Democratic issues, the Senator arose and, waving his hand flippantly in the air as if brushing aside a fly, began: "Fellow citizens, I can write everything the gentleman has said upon a ten cent piece, and still have room enough left for the Lord's Prayer."

THE house of representatives should without delay give its approval to the bill which has passed the senate making an appropriation for the construction of seven new war ships. In the present wretched condition of our navy we are at the mercy on the sea of countries as insignificant as Chili. Prince Bismarck would not have dared to insult our idolized western hog if he knew that it would be avenged with broadsides of shot and shell. Without a strong navy our hog will always be at the mercy of the European despots. What the German chancellor is doing to-day may become to-morrow the policy of France or England or Italy. The American hog imperatively demands that he have a navy for his protection.

PRESIDENT ARTHUR has sent to congress the report of the commission appointed to inquire into the health of our aesthetic American hog, with a message in which he suggests that this lovely animal, a million times more important than Mr. Barnum's white elephant, deserves the most careful consideration of congress "to that end if any path be legitimately open for removing the prohibition which closes important foreign markets to those products it may be followed, and appropriate legislation devised." This is a great hog victory. First of all there is a clean bill of health, and, second, the shields of King Arthur and of all the knights of his cabinet round-table rise up to panoply our pork. The hog, our darling hog, hurls his defiance at Bismarck. If the Democratic party is wise, it will take the Cincinnati favorite to its bosom right away. King Arthur with lance in rest on a hog's back next November, running full tilt against Prince Bismarck, may carry the whole electoral college before him.

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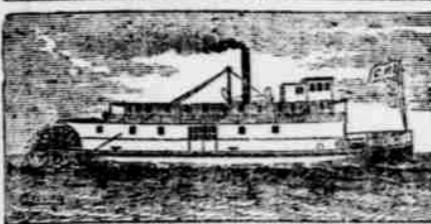
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