

During the great desire, last week to

The republican national committee is largely responsible for the suspense sustained by the republicans throughout the country for so many days concerning the result of the late presidential election. The result was about as well known at the leading newspaper offices in New York city on the morning of the 4th as it is now; but the persistent assertions of the republican committee that they had been cheated and that they could prove it, and the way in which the bull terriers about the telegraph offices in the east mangled the returns, led the republicans in the rural precincts to hope and believe that something had gone wrong that could be righted. But the only wrong that seems to have prevailed was the outgeneraling of the republicans by the democrats, and this appears to so have astonished the republican committee that they were more than a week in realizing the fact and the propriety of giving up the fight. While a committee may be excused for claiming in advance of an election more than it has a right to claim, there is no excuse for its claiming more after an election than it knows it has won. There is also too much nonsensical talk from both political parties concerning fraud. In the northern states, neither party should accuse the other of fraud unless the charge can be sustained, and when it can be it should be. We often read of great preparations being made to carry hordes of voters from one state to another for election purposes. Such things may sometimes be surmised. When they are known to exist or there is good reason to believe that such attempts will be made, wisdom would say to contest those votes before they get into the ballot-box and not to count them. How many committeemen try to cover up the inability by attacking the enemy after the political battle has been lost and won.

St. John Burned in Effigy.

The "capital vs. labor" question is of tending interest in all countries. Next many there is to be held in the city of Edinburgh, Scotland, a conference of artisans, capitalists and persons interested in the study of social problems, to discuss from every point of view the questions connected with the distribution of the results of labor between the dual workers and those supplying the means of production. A man of Edinburgh has given \$5000 toward carrying out the proposed programme.

The Plauddealer says that Hon. J. W. Smith, though still in the insane asylum, is steadily improving. His host of admirers have hopes for a speedy and complete recovery.

Other things undoubtedly will be talked about, but they will be only incidental. The tariff cannot be made an international issue till the sectional issue shall have disappeared. It may be a subject of discussion here and there, but in the main it will be subordinated to the larger question. The reason is that the south will not consider the tariff question at all, though many of its states have great interest in the maintenance of the protective system. Texas wants protection for her wool, quite as much as the cotton States.

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