

# Republican Progress

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## News Items Solicited.

James G. Blaine has a complication of diseases. He has a severe attack of the gout, and the Presidential fever still lingers in his system. Take it all in all we believe we would prefer gout. It is easier to cure. The other is sure to kill in the end. American history is a regular cemetery of illustrious dead—taken off by the Presidential fever, and still our statesmen are always contracting the disease regardless of all precedents.

—There is a peculiar but highly successful colony of immigrants in Kansas, who call themselves German-Russian farmers. They are probably agriculturists from the border country between Russia and Germany, or from one of the German settlements in Russian territory. The Kansas settlement is called Herzog, and is situated about a mile from the railroad station of Victoria, on the Kansas Pacific Railroad. These settlers are frugal, sober, and industrious in a high degree, and display intelligence and practical sense in their labor. They show this particularly in the purchase of the best labor-saving machinery, without regard to its cost. They adhere with singular persistency to the articles to which they were accustomed in Europe, and the traveler passing their settlement beholds costumes that belong to the past century.

—In a railroad car sat a woman with a broad back, on which were a hundred yards or so of fine braid, put on in the most intricate manner imaginable. Right behind her was an old fellow whose gaze was fixed on this pattern. His brow slowly contracted, as though the brain inside was getting into a puzzle, and then the reporter saw that he was mentally following the outlines. At length, with an air of complete abstraction, he put his finger gently on a point at what might be called the periphery of one of the largest of braided figures, and moved it along between braids, until progress was stopped by a cross section. He began again, but with the same result. This fashionable garment had carried him back to his boyhood, and he was once more trying to solve the problem of the labyrinth—that is, endeavoring to find the way to the centre of the design without crossing a line. He didn't succeed, because the woman felt him at it and frowned him off.

—Topeka, Kansas, is revelling in a swindling sensation of more than unusual interest, the parties implicated being citizens that have hitherto stood high in social and business circles. Some months since these parties organized a "marriage aid association," announcing that its business would be conducted on the same plan as the co-operative life insurance companies, only that instead of policy holders being required to die to draw their money it was only necessary for them to marry. Young men and women, contemplating matrimony and desirous of securing a few hundred dollars for housekeeping purposes, readily babbled up the bait, paid five dollars to become members and promptly met their assessments which amounted to two or three dollars per month. The first few couples married were paid the full amount due them, until the association obtained a wide spread reputation and money flowed into the coffers of its managers. Then the policy holders, when they returned their certificates and demanded the money due them, were given a "stand-off," owing to "financial difficulties" which would be straightened out in a few weeks. This state of affairs continued until the association ran against a song in the shape of a young man who would not be stood off, and who, when they refused to pay up, informed the United States officers and had the managers arrested for using the mails for swindling purposes. Their trial is now in progress and the fact has been brought to light that whenever the money from an assessment was received it was divided among the ringleaders and charged on the books to "extra services."

—The Mexicans and the Indians of the Chihuahua region vie with each other in savagery. The whites are as ready as the reds to

scalp their enemies. A few months ago a party of ranchmen set out for the mountains in search of Apaches, and came upon a band headed by a son of old Victorio. Battle was waged for several days. At last the Mexicans were victorious and with eight scalps, several squaws, and some ponies, began their homeward march. One of the most important captures was that of a Mexican woman who had been carried away a year previous by the Apaches. The reception of this party in Chihuahua was witnessed by a member of the *Boston Herald*'s staff. They got word from the Mayor that on Sunday he would receive them in the plaza. At the appointed hour quiet was disturbed by the clanging of bells in the cathedral towers, and vast crowds rushed pell-mell towards the square. Behind a band of music came thirty horsemen, who were the victorious ranchmen. Each carried the rifles and revolvers he had used, and hanging to the saddles were the other arms that had been employed in the battles with the Apaches. Eight men on foot held long poles, from which dangled as many scalps of the hated Apaches. When the people saw these they became frantic with delight. Bravos resounded on all sides, women waved their handkerchiefs, and the long line of excited gazers rocked to and fro with enthusiasm, and applauded till they were exhausted. But hardly had the scalpholders passed before there came the squaws that had been taken. The minute these bare-headed, dirty, rough-faced women were seen, the cheering and the waving began again, while the boys pressed hard against the guards to strike at the wives of those who had killed and tortured their people. Some of the prisoners held in their arms, and securely bound to flat, rough boards, their nursing babies, while the Mexicans struck at them. Every wail from an infant was hushed with joy by the friends of the victors. The Mayor made a congratulatory speech. The correspondent asked the Consul of the United States what the city did with the captive women. "They are sent to the fort at Vera Cruz for life," he replied. The children are given to whoever wants them to bring up as servants. The scalps? Why, the Government buys them. Every one brings \$200.

—The "isolated city of the great Northwest" is up the Missouri River, 1,200 miles beyond Bismarck, away from any railroad, hemmed in by mountains, and at this season shut out from all the world. It bears the name of Benton, in honor of "Old Bullion," and it is the magazine of the British Northwest. It is a substantial town, because lumber is so costly there that it is economy to build with brick. During navigation twenty-two steamboats carry freight to this remote city, and the volume of business there justifies a Chamber of Commerce and mammoth brick blocks. The three thousand souls in this mountain fastness must enjoy a peace that passes understanding in the busy life of Bloomington.

—The way they catch bears in Nevada is for one man to feed the animal with salt while a second man ties his hind legs. When the second man weakens and takes to his heels it is sometimes bad for the first man, especially if the salt is nearly gone.

—Washington *Gazette*: Boston has decided to dispense with flowers on Decoration Day and use flags instead. Members of the G. A. R. here would do well to consider the propriety of similar action. Flowers are expensive and they soon wither. Small flags would make it easier to decorate the graves in uniform style. A single large floral piece erected in the midst of the soldiers' graves would suffice to preserve that feature of the end of May.

—A poor young girl in Mexico is given the cold shake by her lover and wanders by the murmuring sea with the intention of drowning herself. At oyster washes up, she carelessly picks it up, and lo! a pearl worth \$5,000 slips into her palm. That's the way Mexican papers palm it off on their readers.

—The circus season is upon us, and the pea-nuts are beginning to arrive. Barnum has only been open a month in New York, and yet that city has already received 1,100,000 bushels of peanuts from Virginia, 350,000 bushels from Tennessee, and 120,000 car-loads from North Carolina. Pretty good shell-out to start with.

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—Mount *Ætua* is now in eruption. No very serious outburst has occurred yet; but, according to the recent cable news, the activity of the volcano is increasing, and it is said that several villages in the neighborhood of the mountain are in danger. After the extraordinary series of storms, floods, earthquakes, and other disastrous events which have marked the last three months, a great volcanic eruption would appear to be quite in the fashion of the year.

—Cole's circus has just had printed at Cincinnati the greatest lithograph ever issued. It is seventy feet long by twelve feet high. The stones upon which it was printed were four hundred in number and weighed seventy tons. It is in six colors and the posters cost \$10 each, being made out of one hundred large sheets of paper so neatly matched together and pasted that the seams are not visible. Matt Morgan was the artist.—*Franklin Herald*.

—A gentleman from Utica in Louisville, who wished to send some beautiful flower buds to his wife, was at a loss how to do so. A florist friend said he would fix them. He cut a potato into two pieces and bored holes in them into which he inserted the stems of the buds, and placed them in a box with cotton to support them. A letter from the recipient acknowledged the remembrance, and said that the buds had developed into full-blown flowers. There is sufficient moisture in a good-sized potato to support a flower for two weeks in a moderately cool temperature. Flowers from bouquets or baskets may be preserved in the same way. The potatoes can be hidden by leaves or mosses.

—Albany Evening *Journal*: There are 10,000 lawyers in the state of New York alone, while in all Great Britain and Ireland, with a population of nearly 37,000,000, there are only about 12,000 lawyers. In the United States, with a population in round numbers of 50,000,000, there are 65,000 lawyers, and the number is steadily increasing every year. To sum it up, there is one lawyer to every 3,000 people in Great Britain, and one to every 800 in the United States.

—The cremation of the body of Charles Soehner, (late of Indianapolis) at Washington, in the state of Pennsylvania, once more calls attention to this method of disposing of the bodies of the dead. Cremation does not appear to be making much progress in this country, notwithstanding the publicity which it has from time to time obtained. Evidently this is not owing to mere indifference, for the existence of a strong opposition to burning the bodies of the dead is shown by the recent introduction of a bill in the Pennsylvania Legislature prohibiting cremation under severe penalties.

—The Ohio Republican State ticket this year will probably be composed almost wholly of new men. Only one or two of the present officers desire or expect a renomination. The ticket will be a long one, and the Republicans have wisely decided to take ample time in making it up. The convention will last through two days, and nothing will be done except after careful deliberation. Little canvassing appears to be going on for places on the ticket, but there will be no difficulty in finding good material from which to choose the candidates.

—Revivalist Harrison has closed an engagement of 15 weeks in Decatur, Ill., and the converts are counted up to 1,500. He was paid \$100 per week for his services, and gave such complete satisfaction that he has been hired to stay until the end of May.

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## A Hard Witness.

From the *Utica Observer*.

"Do you know the prisoner well?" asked the attorney.

"Never knew him sick," replied the witness.

"No levity," said the lawyer sternly.

"Now, sir, did you ever see the prisoner at the bar?"

"Took many a drink with him at the bar."

"Answer my question, sir," yelled the lawyer. "How long have you known the prisoner?"

"From two feet up to five feet ten inches."

"Will the Court make the—"

"I have, Judge," said the witness, anticipating the lawyer; "I have answered the question. I know the prisoner when he was a boy two feet long and a man five feet ten."

"Your honor—"

"It's fact, Judge, I'm under oath," persisted the witness.

The lawyer arose, placed both hands on the table in front of him, spread his legs apart, leaned his body over the table, and said:

"Will you tell the Court what you know about this case?"

"That ain't his name," replied the witness.

"What ain't his name?"

"Case."

"Who said it was?"

"You did. You wanted to know what I know about this case. His name's Smith."

"Your honor," howled the attorney, plucking his beard by the roots, "will you make this man answer?"

"Witness," said the Judge, "you must answer the questions put to you."

"Land o' Goshen, Judge, hasn't I been doing it?" Let the blamed cuss fire away. I'm all ready."

"Then," said the lawyer, "don't beat about the bush any more. You and the prisoner have been friends!"

"Never," promptly responded the witness.

"What? Wasn't you summoned here as a friend?"

"No, sir; I was summoned here as a Presbyterian. Mary one of us was ever friends. He's an old-line Baptist, without a drop of Quaker in him."

"Stand down," yelled the lawyer, in disgust.

"Hey?"

"Stand down."

"Can't do it. I'll sit down or stand up."

"Sheriff, remove the man from the box."

Witness retires, muttering: "Well, if he ain't the thick-headedest cuss I ever laid eyes on."

—Ladies, call at McCalla & Co.'s in their new location, "Progress Block." They keep the same quality of goods that has made their dry goods house so deservedly popular always.

—TREAT & SADLER, Attorneys. Office in Bee Hive Block, up-stairs. Particular attention given to Probate business and to general collections.

—DRUNN & MORGAN, Attorneys. Office in Bee Hive Block, up-stairs. To the probate and collection business the firm will give special and particular attention. Business attended to in courts of adjoining counties. Business solicited.

—WILLKIN & PITMAN, Attorneys. Will practice in the various courts. Especial attention given to collections and to probate business. Office, Bee's corner, opposite the Progress Office.

—ROGERS & HENRY, Attorneys and Collectors. Office in Mayor's Office building. Special attention given to settling decedents' estates, and to all kinds of probate business. Also, abstracting.

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—DR. FARIS, THE PRESCRIPTIONIST, IS NOW LOCATED AT LINDLEY'S.

—A NEW DRUG STORE!

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