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The death of Senator Miller of California resulted in the appointment by the Democratic Governor of that State of a Democratic Senator to fill the unexpired term. This will do the Democrats but little good, however, as the Republicans will still have six majority. The legislature of California will send a Republican to the Senate, certain, when the regular election occurs, as Blaine secured 13,000 more votes in that state than were polled for Cleveland.

A well posted conductor, who has punched many a round trip ticket to Florida, says that most of the consumptives who go there expecting to stay until they get well, come back worse than they went, or in their coffins, and that some railroad companies recognizing the latter especially to be the case, have issued instructions that the return part of the round trip ticket be accepted in payment for transportation northward for the corpse of one holding such ticket.

Cholera has made its appearance in Italy and the indications are that there will be another year of anxiety in Europe and a demand for increasing watchfulness at all American ports. It will be another good year for Americans to stay at home and see their own country. After all there is nothing in all Europe more interesting than can be found in the Yellowstone country, in Colorado and California. If these grand scenes in our country were located in some Mikado's empire the fashionable world would never rest until they took them all in.

The Convention of Anti-instrumentalists of the United Presbyterian church, at Pittsburg, adjourned, after adopting a declaration of principles. The paper, which was quite lengthy, denounced the use of instrumental music in the Church's services, asserting that it was an unlawful intruder, and disturber of the peace of the Church. It further declared that its authoritative exclusion from the services by the next General Assembly is essential to the settlement of the difficulty which for years has agitated the Church, and that a refusal to comply with the request of the Convention places the protestants under the painful necessity of choosing between obedience to the authority of Christ and acquiescence in such refusal.

An exchange says that: "Europe is still ruled by the old men. During the past week, Mr. Gladstone has celebrated the seventy-sixth birthday; M. Grevy, at the age of seventy-eight, has been re-elected President of the French Republic for a term of seven years; the Emperor William, verging on his ninetieth year, has completed a quarter of a century on the Prussian throne; M. de Lesseps, an octogenarian and the greatest canal digger in history, has become again a happy parent, and pledges himself to live long enough to sail through the Panama Canal; and Von Ranke, the German author, rested a few hours from his "Universal History," to receive the congratulations of a multitude of admirers upon his admission to the select circles of nonagenarians."

When the Republicans came into power in this State, its treasury was empty and a large debt unprovided for. They went to work although the war expenses were heavy, paid the debts and replenished the treasury and had everything in smooth running order. Then the Democrats wanted a change. They wanted the books opened. They got possession, spent all the money, plunged the state deeply into debt, and the State Treasurer has no money on hand to pay current expenses, and is sending out circulars to the county treasurers to send him, in advance, what money they have on hands to save the State's credit.

The following from the Chicago Tribune furnishes a concise summary of the work of the Republicans in Ohio: "The Republicans of Ohio are making rapid work in smashing up the hoodoo gang. The house and Senate committee have exposed to the light of day every detail of the infamous conspiracy by which the republican majority in Hamilton county was wiped out. They have ousted the frauds who sought to steal the seats in the house, and

they are in a fair way to bonce the four frauds who have temporarily occupied seats in the senate, which they themselves acknowledge are stolen. The have compelled Dalton and Hamilton county clerks, to produce the forged returns. They have exposed the corrupt manner in which Standard Oil Payne bought his way into the senate. They have unearched the dishonest democratic management of county institutions and made it so hot for the scoundrels that they have left the State and are hiding. They have passed an election bill which takes the elections out of the hands of the thugs and thieves, and which it is to be hoped, will make it possible for the will of the people to be legally and peacefully expressed at the polls. Last, but not least, the supreme court has sustained Governor Foraker in his removal of the police commission.

The Widow's Pension Bill.

National Tribune.

The bill to increase the pensions of widows and dependent relatives is now a law.

All those who are benefitted by it are specially notified not to pay a cent to any body on account of securing the increase for them.

They need not even write a letter to any one on the subject, as the increase will be paid them by the Pension Agent, when they receive their next quarterly installment, without any action at all on their part. The work for them is all done by the Pension Bureau, and this work will mainly consist in paying them \$36 a piece each quarter where they have heretofore been receiving \$24. Again let me say to all this class of pensioners: Do not pay a cent to any one, under any pretext, on account of the increase.

—Harper's Weekly, after a review of one year's work, is forced to admit that "It is doubtful if there is any general restoration of confidence in the Democratic party." Well, we should rather think not. If there has been one step made calculated to restore confidence in that party its most ardent friends have failed to discover it.

A Bloomington Southern Town.

After a few days' journey from the Hoosier capital to principal points of note in the south, I at last landed in the beautiful and booming city of Birmingham. It is the best advertised city in the whole south. Its population will at present hardly reach 25,000. But the present ratio of increase continues for twelve months it will cover double the space it now occupies.

Speculators are flocking here from all parts of the country, and the excitement is equivalent to the gold excitement, a few years back in Deadwood city. Real estate speculators are the most observing. New buildings are going up in large numbers, and old buildings are changing from one hand to another every day. Everything presents a rapid rise in business.

The mineral to be found here is in abundance, and when it passes through the proper process makes the very fines of pig-iron. There are already several very large furnaces that will equal in size the largest in the country. Each furnace employs from five hundred to a thousand men. Laborers and mechanics are coming in every day, but the demand so far has been equal to the supply, and cheap-rate boarding houses are largely in demand, for every inn of every conceivable shape and size is full. Your writer made some four or five applications for a place to stop before accommodations could be found that would be considered a safe and respectable place. High rates are maintained by the pooling of the different classes of hotels. The railroad facilities of Birmingham are first-class. I believe this city is to be on a solid basis, but a little too fast just now. J. H. COOK.

Birmingham, Ala., March 28:

—The contest between the Prep. department and the High School will occur Tuesday night, April 13. The performers from Prep. are, Orator, C. F. Hope; Essayist, Grace Rawles; Debater, Walter French; Declaimer, Lydia Allison. From High School: Orator, Gertrude Spender; Essayist, Mary Philpuit; Debater, Lee Holtzman; Declaimer, Mattie Orchard. This will be an interesting performance, and as we understand admission is free to all, will be sure to be greeted with a large audience.

—Henry Ward Beecher lectured in the College Chapel last Saturday night on the subject, "The Reign of the Common People." The lecture began about five minutes before eight and lasted till twenty-five minutes after nine. We would judge that there were about 450 people in the audience. The chapel was arranged to seat comfortably 600. The price of admission was one dollar, and the night was very stormy and bad. Mr. Beecher is shorter and more portly than we expected to see him, but his face and head looked quite familiar. Though there was nothing in the audience, or occasion, especially, to bring out the old fire or eloquence of the orator, yet there were times when the audience felt his masterful power, and were able to see what he could do under the inspiration of an occasion. He traced the rise of the common people through the civilizations of Egypt, of Greece, of the northern nations of Europe, and dwelt in the body of his lecture, on the theme of self-government in America, and the various influences in our social life,—the state, the school and the church. Occasionally he would indulge in flashes of wit which would surprise and amuse; and as an elocutionist he showed marked skill. Though the lecture was too high priced it was not a disappointment, and the audience left well pleased. Mr. Beecher referred

point nobody whose loyalty to the Administration can be questioned. If, therefore, it be said that the President will not be strong at the North in 1888, we ask: "Who is there that will be stronger?" At the South, and there the effective strength of the Democracy lies, the case is plainer. There are no independent Republicans from Delaware to Texas to share the patronage of the Administration or to contest with the Democratic leaders the right to influence its counsels. At the South there are no candidates for the Presidency, and there can be none. It may be taken for granted, therefore that the Southern Democracy, which cast the great mass of the Electoral vote for President Cleveland, will remain loyal to him unless actually forced into opposition.

Death of John H. Bunker.

John Henry Bunker was born in Monroe co., Ind., June 8th, 1833.

He made a profession of religion and joined the Methodist Episcopal church in the month of January, 1858, at the Cross Roads church four miles west of Bloomington, under the ministry of Rev. J. J. Stallard of the Indiana Conference.

He was married to his now bereaved companion, Miss Sarah Rhotor, March 15th, 1859. He died at his own residence about four miles west of Bloomington, March 30th, 1886. Aged 52 years.

Mr. Bunker was a quiet and peaceable citizen, and made it a point in all his life to be on the side of right. He was a subject of great affliction, but bore it with great patience. He died as he lived, trusting in him that doeth all things well.

B. CARTER.

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