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The Republicans of New York lost eighteen members of the legislature.

Mahone, of Virginia, the republican rebel brigadier, is a dead duck.

Depew was exceedingly surprised at the result in Iowa. He wasn't prepared for an earthquake.

"Tariff Reform will win as soon as the people thoroughly appreciate the results to be attained." —Grover Cleveland.

One significant feature in the Iowa election is that the noted "war Governor," Kirkwood, voted for the Democratic candidate for Governor.

As a result of the late election the "home market" productions, prepared under the auspices of the monopolistic trust organization, have been suddenly dropped by the Republican and other republican organs.

Our neighbor feels jolly over the action of the three new republican judges in knocking out a law enacted by the legislature last winter. The decision simply stamps the men who made it as a trio of judicial asses. We invite the attention of our neighbor to comments on the subject by the Indianapolis News, a republican paper. Chief Justice Elliott, too, a republican, dissents most emphatically with the opinion of the three ignoramuses.

A Merchant Talks

A Journal scribe was in at Frank Gavan's when a customer called for one of his famous merchant tailor suits. Exposing some goods Mr. Gavan said: "Here is the imported and here is the American of the same brand. The American appeared coarse and shoddy.— Said the customer: "Why can't America make just as fine goods as foreigners do? Haven't they got as good machinery? Aren't they as skillful?" Said the genial Gavan: "Yes, our machinery and our workmen are the equal of the European in every respect. But owing to the duty on wool we can't compete with our foreign neighbors on raw materials. You see we do not grow the fine wools—can't do it in our climate—and we can't pay the import duty and compete with the foreign mills which get this goods free of duty. The consequence is that America with all her skill, intelligence and genius must take a back seat when it comes to fine fabrics and Europe crosses the ocean and furnishes us all our fine clothing. "And" added he with emphasis, "it is such facts as this that makes me a democrat. I tell you all raw materials should be on the free list, all duties should be reduced and America, the young giant among the nations of the earth, should stand on a basis of flat-footed competition with all the world. She can do it and at the same time increase her manufactured products, improve their quality and cheapen their price, and in so doing equalize the burdens of life, thus improving the condition of the American people as a whole."

Mr. Gavan talked both wisely and well.—Lafayette Journal.

The old salt, refused admittance into the ark, declared to Noah that there would "not be much of a flood after all." Some republi-

cans assume the same sang froid with reference to the recent elections. They'll be as badly fooled as was the 'old salt.'

THE NEW ELECTORAL COLLEGE.

The adding of four new stars to the national flag representing the four new states, Montana, Washington, North and South Dakota, has naturally lead to much speculation as to the effect on the next presidential election. Some students of politics have been free to say that New York will not cease to be the seat of political power, and that the saying that the party which carries New York will elect the president will no longer have the force it has had in the past. As the electoral college is at present constituted there are 401 votes. Of these, 201 are a constitutional majority and at the last election the votes were divided as follows: Democrats, 168; republicans, 233; or a republican majority of 65.

Upon the basis of the recent elections in the new states there should be added to the republican column 10 votes, or a total of 243, and to the democratic column three votes, making a total of 171. As the whole number of votes in the new college will be 414 the party which prevails must obtain 208. Without New York the republicans could not secure, under the present condition, but 207 votes and the result would be a tie. We can not see from this position the force of the claim that New York is not longer to hold the scepter. Certainly until the reapportionment based on the new census is made the Empire state will be an allimportant factor in national politics. If the new states make any marked change, it is in swelling the importance of the votes of Indiana. That states like New York, we believe to be naturally democratic, and only by the most disreputable means was it wrested from us in 1888 by a meager majority of 2348. That is no indication of the vote in 1892 and the trend is all against the demonstration. Let it appear probable that a tie would result as indicated above and pressure there would be vastly increased over former years. The "blocks of five" operation will hardly be repeated, and the popular tide makes everything look bright in the Hoosier state. There is nothing to discourage the democracy in the present outlook. The young men, the men of opinions and the men of intellect are coming up to the support of its standard, and with good candidates and tariff reform to present to the country the result seems assured.

One of the leading hymn-writers of the country is Fannie J. Crosby, of New York, who has been blind from her birth. Her best known work is "Sweet Hour of Prayer."

IN MEMORIUM.

DIED.—In Atwood township, Kansas, on October 30, 1889, Mrs. ABIGAIL DUMOND, a former resident of Jasper county, Ind., aged 66 years, 5 months and 11 days. She leaves to mourn her sudden departure, six children—four sons and two daughters—Robert Alex., Myron and Emma, residing in Rawlins county, Kansas; Daniel Dumond and Sophrona Davison residing in Dakota. Mrs. Dumond was born in Sandusky, Ohio, on May 19, 1823, where she united with the Baptist church at the age of fourteen years, and had lived a devoted Christian life since. In her last hours all was peace with her, and a feeling of great relief took the place of suffering as she passed away. The funeral occurred on Friday, when a large number of friends followed the remains to its last resting place. Rev. A. T. Hall conducted the funeral services. The bereaved children have the sympathy of their many friends in this community.

V. F. A.

Mr. and Mrs. John Mereness, of Sharon, Wis., are spending a week with their daughter, Mrs. M. L. Tressler.

The Hon. Mason J. Niblack has prepared a sample of the new election ticket such as would have been voted at the last general election—that is the names on it, are those that were on the state and national tickets on that occasion. The excellence, practicability and simplicity of the ticket can, by it, be seen. The use of a similar ticket in Massachusetts at the late election in that state, under the Australian system, proves its practicability. The Indiana ticket, however, will be much easier and more simple to vote and will afford a greater safeguard against "Dudley," which is a synonym for fraud. The sample is of pink paper. On its back are explanations of the method of voting. At the head of each column of names, comprising the three tickets, is representatively, a cut of a noble rooster, an eagle with outspread wings and three empty, battered and headless barrels, the insignia of the different parties. In case a voter wishes to cast a straight ticket he has but to mark the ticket once at the head of the column of candidates whose politics is his. The candidates on the Massachusetts ticket are grouped according to the offices, which necessitates marking every candidate voted for. Consequently, too, the voter would have to be able to read. But then perhaps it is the democratic voter who can't read in Massachusetts, instead of the republican, as it is in the South. With the Indiana ticket it is different. If the voter cannot read he can vote by the insignia of his party. The additional safeguard exists in the requirement that the poll clerks must sign their initials on the back of each ticket. So if the tickets should be counterfeited, which certainly would be possible, the counterfeiter would have the initials to contend with. To overcome this collusion with the poll clerk would be necessary. Altogether, Mr. Niblack's ticket presents a barrier to election frauds that will take some mighty delicate work to get over. If it were not for the initial scheme it would be possible for vote-buyers to give men marked tickets and instruct them to slip the tickets given them at the polls in their pockets, then pay them for the clean tickets when they came out.—Indianapolis Sentinel.

THE HOUSE THAT JACK BUILT.

Curious Hebraic Origin of the Best Known of Nursery Legends.

It is said that the Jewish original of this celebrated cumulative is an altered translation of an ancient parabolical hymn which the Jews were wont to sing at the feast of the passover. It was written in the Chaldee language, according to a writer in Notes and Queries, and may be found in "Septer Haggadah," vol. xxii.

There is a tenth stanza beginning: "Then came the Holy One—Blessed be He—that killed the Angel of Death," etc.

The following is the translation of the parable:

1. The kid, one of the pure animals, denotes the Hebrews. The father who purchased it is Jehovah, who is represented as sustaining this relation with the Hebrew nation. The two pieces of money signify Moses, Aaron, through whose mediation the Hebrews were brought out of Egypt.

2. The cat is the Assyrians, by whom the ten tribes were carried into captivity.

3. The dog symbolizes the Babylonians.

4. The stick or the staff signifies the Persians.

5. The fire indicates the Grecian empire under Alexander the Great.

6. The water betokens the Romans, or the fourth of the great monarchies to which the Jews were subjected.

7. The ox means the Saracens, who subdued Palestine, and brought it under the authority of the caliph.

8. The butcher denotes the crusaders, who wrested the holy land from the grasp of the Saracens.

9. The Angel of Death is the Turkish power, by whose might Palestine was taken from the Franks.

10. The beginning of this stanza was designed to show that God will take signal vengeance on the Turks immediately after whose overthrow the Jews are to be restored to their native land, where they will dwell in safety under the rule of the long-expected Messiah.

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There are men who, after a battle, die of imaginary bullet wounds, and there are others who seem incapable of realizing actual danger. Of the latter class was a brave fellow, whose courage is thus described in Regis de Trobriand's "Four Years With the Army of the Potomac."

He was a strapping Irishman whom I found, smoking his pipe, at the door of the hall where lay the wounded.

"Well," said I to him, "how do you find yourself?"

"Perfectly, Colonel. Never better in my life."

"Why have you got your face half covered with bandages then?"

"Oh, a mere nothing, a scratch. I'll show it to you."

"No, I thank you."

"Yes, yes, you will see what it is."

Raising compresses and bandages, he showed me a gaping wound in the place of the eyebrows, which had been carried away.

"I see," said I, "that your wound has not been dressed this morning."

"No, the doctor put this on yesterday; but to-day he's so busy with the others, who need his help more than I, that I didn't want to bother him."

"And your eye?"

"Gone. But you see, Colonel, it's only the left eye, and that will save me the trouble of closing it while I take aim, which always did bother me. In a fortnight I'll be back with my regiment."

But the brave fellow never did rejoin his regiment. Before the fortnight was over, he had died of this "mere nothing" of which he had made so light.

A Queer Canal

The strangest canal in the world is a canal sixteen miles long between Worsley and St. Helens, in the north of England, and is underground from end to end. In Lancashire the coal mines are very extensive, half the country being undermined, and many years ago the duke of Bridgewater's managers thought they could save money by transporting the coal underground instead of on the surface. So the canal was constructed, the mines connected and drained at the same time. Ordinary canalboats are used, but the power is furnished by men. On the roof of the tunnel arch are cross pieces, and the men who do the work of propulsion lie on their backs on the coal and push with their feet against the cross-bars on the roof. Six or eight men will draw a train of four or five boats, and as there are two divisions in the tunnel boats pass each other without difficulty.

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