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The Indianapolis News has a bona fide circulation more than one-half larger than that of any other daily paper in Indiana.

GRANT's visit postponed to December 10th, is calculated to dampen, or chill enthusiasm. Unless December is a pleasant as May it is not a very auspicious time for a parade.

EXPLORATIONS in Alaska make the Yukon river one of the largest in the world. It is nearly as large as the Mississippi. About 500 miles from its mouth it receives a large tributary, and the basin formed by the confluence is twenty-four miles wide.

A TABLE of prices of all stables from January 1 to October 18 of this year published by the New York Commercial Bulletin shows an average increase of 28 per cent. This however doesn't include textile fabrics as there has been but little change in their price.

EVERY woman in New York nowadays, it is said, who assumes to be "anybody," must either work in clay, paint, or carry in wood, while the number who pursue systematically special branches of study is increasing amazingly, not only in New York but all over the country.

The London Spectator informs its readers, concerning American affairs, that "the democrats have virtually chosen their candidate for the presidency." If the Spectator would forward a bill of particulars it would confer a sweet boon upon the public service, involving a loss of public revenue and an increased expenditure." And yet he did his best to have him restored to the public service in New York and it is said now that it was chiefly because of administration help that Cornell was successful.

TILDEN's friends, it is reported, are already asserting what The News yesterday predicted: That there would be no divided democracy on national issues and that the old man of Gramercy park is as much a necessity now as ever. For it is clearly proved that he can carry New York, and without him it is suggested it might be an easy thing to lose it. This is in the nature of an assertion that Tilden is getting stronger than his party. Thus democracy also may be said to be suffering from one-manism to a certain extent.

THE situation in New York at this writing is unchanged. The probabilities, we take it, are that the democratic ticket below the governor is elected. Thus, although Cornell creeps in with the aid of Tammany, and although the republicans carry the legislature, the victory is a barren one, for it leaves the state with its thirty-five electoral votes, in the hands of the democrats, and the problem whether or not it can be taken from them is one not settled this year but to be settled next year. It still leaves New York and Indiana the battle ground of the presidential contest, with probably the best fighting chance in New York.

OUR trade with China grows smaller and smaller and beautifully less. Six years ago our tonnage entered and cleared at Chinese ports amounted to 3,483,203 tons. The English tonnage for the same time was 3,645,557. In 1878 the English tonnage was 6,438,373, the German 750,000, while ours had dwindled to 341,942 of \$20,000,000 revenue from tariff which China receives, the English pay \$35,000,000 to our only \$500,000. It may be that our illiberal spirit toward the Chinese is returned in favors shown to English and German traders. Be this as it may, the competition we are going to crowd England with in foreign markets, doesn't cut much of a figure in the celestials' country.

Some democratic congressmen are reported as vouching for the willingness, nay, eagerness, of the democracy to vote for a bill putting Grant at the head of the army, with a salary of \$25,000 a year.

This is quite on a par with the most egregious folly that party has shown itself ready to offer. If any such purpose as this exists, which is vouched for by so respectable authority as Singleton of Illinois, we trust it will never get any further than the individual utterances of those who entertain it. It is at once a humiliating confession of weakness and a most cowardly desire to purchase fancied security. It says at once that this government is so feeble that it is in danger from one man, and the people so supine that the only way of safety for them is to buy the man off. Such a proposition to General Grant would be nothing more nor less than this, disguised in any way it might be. Every honor this country has in its gift has been laid upon him. The plea of poverty is now insulting. Such poverty is more creditable than the riches of Croesus. General Grant has had everything from the American people he is entitled to, unless they choose to bestow more of the same kind upon him. To give him a place over Sherman, simply for ornament, would be, we repeat, a most humiliating confession on the part of this people. If the American republic has come to the point where it is in danger from one man, unless he be bought off, let us know it. If its salvation depends upon one man, let us know it. Better have the contest right now than postponed for a single year. The sooner we understand the relative strength of the republic and one-manism the better.

The Purity of Politics.

Horatio Seymour, who is, or was, a politician of as much ability and disinterestedness as any of equal prominence, says that there are no corruptions in politics that do not get there from extrinsic sources; that efforts for a great common purpose are elevating, not degrading; and that bad men in parties are made bad in other relationships. His theory is not a new one, but he presents it more concisely than we have ever seen it before, and we reproduce it for a word of comment:

We bear a great deal of cant about the corruptions in politics. There are no corruptions in public affairs which are not generated and nourished by other influences at work among the people, as a people. All efforts, all zeal for a cause, if it is not an unworthy one tends to lift men above mere personal objects, and by example for others, and by sympathy, considerately, considerately, themselves tend to make men better and more generous. We have selfish men in our public life, but they were not made selfish in their positions, for these lead to dealings with general interests that tend to liberalize men's purposes. There are corrupt men and bad men in parties, but they have been made corrupt and evil-minded in other relationships of life than those which grow out of their association with others in promotion of a common cause.

There are men in parties who labor "for a cause," and "dwell upon considerations outside of themselves." Probably five-sixths of the intelligent citizens of this country are of this class. They have no selfish interests in politics and give their efforts to their parties from motives that, at the worst, are not degrading or corrupting. Nobody has ever imputed corruption to this class, and the "can't" that Mr. Seymour hears and miscalculates is never applied to it. But are there no men in parties who work for selfish ends? who "dwell on considerations" solely or chiefly affecting themselves, who give their efforts to no "cause" but under the impulse of personal interest. Yes, verily, and these are the professional politicians, the "machine" makers and menders, and among them are generated the "corruptions" that it is no "can't" to denounce in politics. But the "can't" that Mr. Seymour hears and miscalculates is never applied to it. 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