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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.

COUNTY expenses must be reduced. Let the courts dispense with superfluous bailiffs and jurors.

Both sides claim the victory in New York. Whichever way it goes it is virtually a defeat to both.

The greenbacks don't have much to say about gains in New York. Last year they cast over 75,000 votes, this year about 8,000.

PHILADELPHIA has a smaller population than New York city, and yet she registers 103,690 voters to New York's 168,143.

IRON rails are 50 per cent. higher than they were four months ago. The rolling mills have orders ahead, some of them sufficient to last the year out.

CALIFORNIA's total gold product since mining began there is estimated at \$1,617,000,000. During this last year the value of staple agricultural products harvested, is \$100,000,000 more than this.

A southern representative who is as much consulted as any man in congress according to the Washington Star, says at the coming session of congress the democrats will not attempt to "revive the agitation concerning the federal election laws, and will discourage sectional discussion and sectional measures; but will try to revise the tariff."

THE total estimates for carrying on the departments for the coming fiscal year are about \$7,000,000 more than last year's appropriations. Of this about \$2,000,000 on account of pensions; about \$3,000,000 on account of post office, and \$2,000,000 among the other departments. The increase of about \$2,000,000 in pension estimates is caused by the creation of the pensions act.

IT is now perhaps a matter of no interest, either as a fossil from the past or as a specimen brick for the future, to allude to the Journal's vagaries on finance. But, inasmuch, as it saw fit to impeach the veracity of this paper, the truth of history calls for vindication; and the process may be amusing as showing our contemporary's breathless struggle between a paucity of brains and a plethora of cowardice. We said the Journal advocated the repeal of the resumption act. It retorted in its usual style, something about a stale lie. We let it answer itself. In November of 1877, in speaking of what it called "the undignified resumption act," it said:

"Those who know Grant say he is a man of too much good common sense to decline a favor if it is offered him."—[Young man in Inter-Ocean.]

"Gen. Grant will not declare that he will not be a candidate until he has been asked."—[John C. New.]

Thus forever took the hangers-on, and the "smart Alecks" who affect to manage our political affairs. Great man is Gen. Grant. He is afflicted with so much "saving common sense." But how about George Washington? What a silly man he must have been. The opening paragraphs of the farewell address, which has hitherto been regarded as a document entitled to some consideration, are as follows:

"The period for a new election of a citizen to administer the executive government of the United States being not far distant, and the time actually arrived when your thoughts must be employed in designating the person who is to be clothed with that important trust, it appears to me proper, especially as it may conduce to a more distinct expression of the public voice, that I should now apprise you of the resolution I have formed to decline being considered among the number of those who are to be chosen to exercise it to be made."

"I beg you at the same time to let me know the justice to be assured, that this resolution as not been taken without a strict regard to all the considerations appertaining to the relations which bind a dutiful citizen to his country; and that in withdrawing the tender of services, which silence in my situation might imply, I am influenced by no diminution of zeal for your future interest; no deficiency of grateful respect for your past kindness; but am supported by a full conviction that the step is compatible with both."

It is submitted that the thought of the country is now turned to a consideration of the person to be entrusted with executive duties quite as much as it was at the date when this address was promulgated. George Washington felt it to be perfectly proper to withdraw his name in advance of a nomination, that the contest might be simplified. Silence on the part of Gen. Grant is now taken by a large portion of

the people of the United States to mean that he would give his services in a third term if asked, and he is not so much greater than Washington as to make unbecoming in him what has ever been regarded as the crowning act of a distinguished and singularly unselfish life. A reading of the fare-well address might be of advantage to young men connected with organs, to political managers, and possibly to General Grant himself.

The New York Lesson.

There is a wholesome lesson to the engineers of the party machines in the New York election, let the tail of the ticket on either side go with the head or not. Mr. Conkling is set back by thousands of republicans, who don't believe that party managers have a right to force adherents to choose between an offensive or dishonest partisan and a party opponent. That is the "bulge" that "machinists" nearly always get on a party. They work by well known appliances to get a pet nominated, caring not one cent whether he is acceptable or not outside of their own circle, and then coolly say to the disatisfied, "You are between the devil and the deep sea; you've got to vote for our choice or give the victory to the other side." Conkling insulted every man in New York who agreed with the president and his cabinet when they turned Cornell out of his federal office, in virtually telling them: "You have no choice but to elect my favorite, or give this state now and next year to the democracy." The independents have slapped the insolent bulldozer in the mouth, with a force that has brought the blood. He has been saved from utter defeat only by the help of that most corrupt of all corrupt organizations on earth, Tammany. The republicans were, apparently, strong enough to have carried a generally acceptable man over the united democracy, for they have done it, or come near it, with a part of the state ticket against one that Tammany supported. But, deprived of the help of 72,000 Kelly votes, where would Cornell's 43,000 plurality have been? The fifteen or twenty thousand or more scratchers would have ruined him, as they have probably saved the remainder of the ticket. So we fairly score one for George William Curtis and the men who will not be bulldozed by the "machinists."

There is another lesson with a local application to Indiana, in the New York election, the final result what it may. The Tammany "bolt" will not be allowed to go unpunished. To do that would be destruction to the party. Mr. Kelly and Tammany, under their present relations, are dead in democracy. If Mr. Tilden is "laid out" he will take precious good care to "lay out" any rival that has assassins sympathetic with it. It may be all that will be left in his power, and if he doesn't use it his nature will have to undergo a marvelous change. Tammany's help will be a serious drawback to any rival. It will kill Mr. Hendricks, who is notoriously Tammany's pet. In our judgment he is more effectually "laid out" than Mr. Tilden. He can have no rational hope of carrying New York against the Tilden influence, and Potter's own case is too uncertain to make him a saving auxiliary on the ticket. "Hendricks and Potter" would be no stronger than "Hendricks and Ewing," for the weakness of the head would paralyze the tail. In the present success of Republican reaction, it is very doubtful if Mr. Hendricks could carry Indiana. In any event he has no chance in New York, and he can't be elected without New York, nor can he in any reasonable possibility be nominated even.

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Remarkable presence of mind was recently shown by a miner near Pottsville, Penn. He was employed in a shaft on Sharp Mountain. Had lighted a fuse and was climbing to the surface by means of pegs in the side of the rock. When within a few feet of the top one of the pegs gave way and the unfortunate man fell to the bottom, nine feet below. One of his thighs was broken, and the splintered bone was pushed through two pairs of pantaloons. Notwithstanding his terrible injuries, he had sufficient presence of mind to crawl to the lighted fuse which had burned within a few inches of the charge and to smother it. If he had not done this he would have been blown to pieces when the explosion took place. Then he crawled back to one of the earth buckets, got it up without assistance, and was hoisted to the surface.

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