

National Banner.

Resistance to Tyranny is Obedience to God.
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WHAT WE EXPORT.

It may be interesting to our readers to know the leading articles, and their value, which we exported from the country last year:

Cotton (Southern Production)	\$195,000,000
Cotton (Northern Production)	5,500,000
Other cotton manufacturers	14,000,000
Indian Corn (Western)	6,830,000
Wheat (Western)	3,840,000
Wheat (Eastern)	18,044,445
Barley (Western)	1,429,987
Cheese (Western)	2,408,000
Hams and Bacon (Western)	7,451,718
Lard (Western)	7,451,718
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Tallow (Western)	2,372,630

Let the tolling masses remember that

President Grant's recent trip to Long Branch, in a government vessel, cost the people of this country the modest little sum of nineteen thousand four hundred and seventy dollars. Who says we are not drifting towards a monarchy? Who much longer we ask in the name of liberty and freedom, will the American people submit to such reckless extravagance upon the part of their public servants—upon any one for a moment think that the good and good father of his country, who was inaugurated as the first president in home made clothes—could have been made believe that ere a hundred years had rolled away, that one of his successors in office would be cutting the ridiculous farce of aping the crowned nincompoops of the old world, by going to fashionable watering places at the expense of the tolling and tax oppressed people of the Country? Is it not about time that this thing be looked squarely in the face, and these aping nincompoops be hurried from place and position? Can it be possible that the American people are going to allow the fires of the patriotism of 1776 to die out, and tamely submit to having the iron heel of a tyrannical despotism placed upon their necks? We must confess that our confidence in their love of freedom, sometimes grows weak; yet, we earnestly hope that they will arise in their avenging might, and trample these leeching vampires into hopeless oblivion.

Signs of the Times.

Colonel John G. Clinck, a veteran officer of the war and latterly one of the ablest of the Republican speakers in Western New York, has abandoned the Republican party and announced his determination to act hereafter with the Democracy. In a letter to the Rochester Union, Colonel Clinck writes:

At the organization of the Republican party, and from that time to the present, I have voted the entire ticket "unscratched," never having given a ticket. In doing this I have voted for many unworthy men, but have swallowed everything for the sake of the party. I have given as much time and money as my circumstances would allow, have supported several of the States, and all in all, have done a good deal of hard work. I have persecuted the Democratic "saints" as far as in me lay, and in all ways blocked the Democratic wheels. All this while I have done conscientiously, and, as I thought, for the best interests of the country. I cannot further sustain the so-called Republican party, and will not, and if I live shall vote the entire Democratic ticket at the approaching election.

Hon. O. H. Browning, Secretary of the Interior, who has not hitherto been identified with the Democratic party, has signified his willingness to accept the Democratic nomination for delegate to the Illinois Constitutional Convention from Adams County. The Quincy Herald says of Mr. Browning's views:

He does not regard the framing of a new State constitution—a fundamental law which is to operate, or at least should operate, equally upon men of all parties—as a partisan measure. He is, however, opposed—decidedly, heartily, and defiantly—to striking the word "white" out of the constitution of this State, and he does not hesitate to say that the fifteenth amendment to the Constitution of the United States, if ratified, will be consistent with the other provisions, and with nearly all of them, to which it is an amendment, and necessarily, therefore, void—as much so as if it were a proposition to set aside the whole Constitution of the United States.

We have heretofore taken occasion to say that, if the Legislature of Virginia is to ratify the proposed fifteenth amendment before the admission of the State into the Union, then such a ratification will be but a provisional ratification and subject to the revision of the Legislature when, by the admission of the State, such Legislature ceases to be provisional and becomes regular. A Virginia paper, the Fredericksburg Herald, draws a second conclusion from our premises, to wit: that the Legislature should expressly condition the validity of their act of ratification on the admission of the State. The Herald's view is:

The passage of the ordinance adopting it shall date, and be of binding effect, from the date of Virginia's admission to representation in Congress, and her rehabilitation, with all the rights, privileges, and immunities of any co-equal State in the Federal Union.

This is highly proper. A provisional Legislature cannot be expected to give anything more than a provisional ratification.—N. Y. World.

Ignorance and Radicalism.

According to the census of 1865, Rhode Island has something over ten thousand inhabitants that are unable to read and write. Now, from time out of mind it has been the custom of radical newspapers to assert that the ignorance in the ranks of the Democracy, but it so happens that this little State, containing a population of only about 135,000, regularly rolls up a majority of several thousands for the "black and tan" ticket; in fact they have about two republicans to one democrat.—This little circumstance might lead an inquiring mind to suppose that ignorance and radicalism work well in the same harness. Wherever the outgrowths of ignorance, bigotry and intolerance hold sway, there the radicals get their heavy majorities. That Rhode Island possesses so great a proportion of ignorance and is a reliable republican state is not an unnatural coincidence.

Mr. A. T. Stewart, who reports an income of three million two hundred thousand dollars for last year, and who declared his willingness to set aside all the profits of his business for benevolent purposes if he could thereby get to be a member of Gen. Grant's Cabinet, has given one thousand dollars to the widow of Gen. Rawlins, the man who made Gen. Grant President.

If you wish to purchase No. 1 Boots and Shoes at living prices, go to Canfield & Emery.

A Temperate Nation vs. Temperance Parties.

The microscopic vote received in Maine by Mr. Hichborn, the candidate for governor of the newly established national anti-drum shop party, is an evidence that an attempt to control the social habits of the American people by prohibitory legislation, is a total failure. The late national convention so says the St. Louis Republican of the prohibitionists was not the culminating point of this ridiculous movement. It appears rather as the last flashing out of the concentrated spite of a class of reformers who mistake a mere symptom of our social condition for its essential cause, and who so misunderstand the idea of the state as to make it an institution similar in its effects to a police court, a school room or a sectarian consistory. In a state like Maine, where a prohibitory policy has twice been inaugurated by a majority of the people, the candidate of the new anti-drum shop party, failed to concentrate more than about five thousand votes of the ninety thousand polled at the last state election, and of the one hundred and twenty thousand given at the presidential election of 1868. The power of the fanatics who twice ruled the state of Maine is now reduced to something like one vote in twenty-four; for it may be assumed, with certainty, that only a very small number of prohibitionists were among those who, at the election, did not cast their votes at all. The new party, having still less hope of success in the other states, may therefore be fairly regarded as defunct, and the dead will have ample leisure to bury their dead, without fear that any of them will interrupt this last duty by becoming resurrected.

But, whilst a false remedy against a real disease had to be abandoned, the evil itself is neither cured, nor will the enlightened portion of the American people cease to arrest its spreading. The wrong in this now defunct temperance movement was not the aim, but the means, by which it is hoped to reach the end in view. This is particularly clear, if, as we believe, the prohibition of any intoxicating beverage was only desired because it was really regarded as the only means to arrest habitual drunkenness, and not because the drinking of spirituous liquors was an evil in itself. There never was, and there is not now, a reasonable man who does not condemn habitual drunkenness as self-degradation, and as long as the evil exists civilization will always struggle against it. But it will do so by the application of the only means by which social evils can be eradicated and this is by the culture and education of all the classes of population, and by a tendency to equalize, more and more, the material and moral condition of men. The more the differences between the low and the high shall disappear, the more occupations are created for the many, in which they will need the full power of their mental faculties, and wherein they may find enjoyment in more elevated excitements than those originating in a mere physical tension and relaxation of their nerves; the prouder men shall become of the untroubled use of their intellectual capacities, and the more conscious they shall be of the highest dogma of the civilized world, of that liberty which is much more the result of self-control than of being controlled by others, the more will drunkenness disappear, and wine and other exhilarating drinks be consumed within the limits of temperance.

That such an epoch is far distant from the present will not prevent any thinking man from the pursuit of the solution of this problem. Mankind has performed greater things than this. The now universally acknowledged dogma of religious toleration; the immense progress in the realization of the doctrine of christian charity; the universal disbelief in witchcraft; the abrogation of cruel punishments; the recognized obligation of the state to give an average education to every lady; and many other things which, in our times, are regarded as matters of course are greater achievements than the reduction of the prevalence of drunkenness. If there were correct statistics in regard to the vice of habitual drunkenness, they would undoubtedly show a great decline of the evil since the middle ages. They would especially show that the temperate use of spirituous liquors has increased in the same proportion as knowledge and culture has become more and more the common property of all, and that habitual drunkenness has declined from the higher ranks in society to the more uneducated and inferior classes. No better proof of this assertion is needed than the horror which all feel at the sight of a drunkard who has filled any of the higher positions in life.

Neither a national nor a local party can successfully be organized upon a prohibitory police for parties express by their organization the various shades of the whole life of a nation, or of a community, as represented in the public management of their affairs. If they assume the role of mentors through the labyrinth of social life, or of doctors of private morality, they will always discover that the remedy is more hateful to the people than the disease against which it is directed. But no sooner shall they be driven out of their usurped authority than society itself will examine the true merits of their movements, investigate the sources of the evil and discover means to mitigate it. The game of base ball has probably prevented more drunkenness than all the temperance speeches of the New England puritans combined, whilst the necessity for maintaining an excitement, ungenial to the American people, during the late war, created more drunkards than all the other causes of this vice combined. Let the political parties try to give place to the country; to re-establish confidence in the nation's destiny and to recognize the uninterrupted activity of the American people and society will take care of itself.

THE LAST MURDER IN CINCINNATI.

The last murder in Cincinnati was that of a butcher named Kreutz. He went to his stable about four o'clock Wednesday morning to get his horse and wagon, and soon after his wife heard a shot. On going to the stable she found Kreutz lying on the ground dead with a bullet hole through his head. His pockets turned inside out, and his pocket-book, lying a little distance from him, filled of his contents. The murderer escaped, but the police are on his track.

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MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS.

The Stables of the Street Railway Company in St. Louis were burned Saturday night, the 18th, with a loss of twelve or fifteen horses.

The New York Central and Hudson River roads are to be consolidated on the 28th, simultaneously with the naveling of the Vanderbilt estate.

An iron-clad Cuban privateer, with one hundred men on board, has been captured by the Government officials near New Bedford.

Four dredge boats have left St. Louis, to aid in cutting a canal from the Mississippi to Lake Borgne, by which shipments in bulk can be made to Ship Island in all weathers.

Pat. Wildeck, a highway robber, was taken from the Portage City jail by a band of masked citizens, and strangled. The goose is not the only thing that hangs high in Wisconsin.

Three men of distinction in our national affairs were lying unburied at the same hour; but what different ages brought together in the several histories of Pesenden, Rawlins, and John Bell!

A hen in West Winstead, Conn., has been sitting for several weeks on seven potatoes, which have sprouted and grown above her head.

An exchange wants to get Susan B. Anthony married, as a means of quiting her. Is there a man on earth who is deserving of such punishment?

The Cincinnati Gazette, having published an article against stealing, is assailed by some of its radical associates as having almost deserted Grant's party and gone over to the Democracy.

The official returns of the Idaho election have just been published. Basler, democrat, was elected delegate to Congress by a majority of 820 votes. The total number of votes thrown was 5,384.

The radicals are in quite a stew over the election fiasco in Maine. The majority given for Grant has been decided over 20,000 votes. A like lukewarmness in Massachusetts will cost the state.

It is believed that Rawlins alone, stood between Grant and the Bowtell style of radicals. Now that his restraining influence is removed, New England will run the machine without let or hindrance.

A Liverpool woman, doubtful whether the fire in her stove was out, poured gunpowder on the embers in order to ascertain the fact. Her doubts and the rest of her were removed.

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Two coal miners in Pittsburgh named John Grimm and James Grimm, paid their addresses to the same lady, and she having to choose between them gave the preference to Grimm—whereupon Shovin threatened to whip Grimm. Grimm hearing of this procured a revolver and paid Shovin a visit. A scuffle ensued, in which Shovin proving the stronger man, Grimm drew his pistol and fired, the ball taking effect in a vital part of Shovin's body. In twelve hours the rejected lover died, and Grimm found himself in jail charged with murder.

An enormous chestnut tree was felled on the farm of Mr. Onley, in Carroll county Ga., on the 6th which made fifteen hundred rails. After the tree was cut down, the longest cross cut was procured that was possible to be had; and two men, with this saw and their axes, labored faithfully for a whole day sawing the first cut. The top of the stump measures nine feet in diameter. The rails which it made are perfectly sound, and will make one hundred and fifty panels of fence.

STATE ITEMS.

Joe Long, an old pioneer of Kosciusko county died last week, aged seventy-five years.

All the business men in Fort Wayne seem to be advertising. Sensible people!

Milford, in Kosciusko County, has been terribly scourged with sickness this summer.

A Mr. Wisner who was reported robbed at Evansville of \$3,500 found the missing money in his own trunk.

Hon. O. Bird, of Fort Wayne, was severely kicked by a horse last week. His injuries are not dangerous.

There are in Montgomery county 3,30