



GEN. AMBROSE E. BURNSIDE was last Tuesday elected U. S. Senator by the Rhode Island Legislature, on the 28th ballot. Burnside succeeds Wm. Sprague, whose distinction is mainly traced to his being married to a daughter of the late Chief Justice Salmon P. Chase.

IT APPEARS that the late Alexander W. Randall, once Governor of Wisconsin and subsequently appointed First Assistant Postmaster General under Lincoln, gobbled up \$35,000 of the Pacific Mail subsidy swindle. We always believed Aleck to have an eye for such things.

GOV. WASHBURN tried hard to beat Mat. Carpenter for the Wisconsin Senatorship, but the latter had set his pins so adroitly that the caucuses put him through with a whoop. Efforts are however still being made to organize a bolt which may yet defeat the gay and festive Mat.

THE Indiana State Board of Agriculture, at their recent session, fixed the time for holding the next State Fair, or stock show, the week commencing September 27th. The next meeting of the Board will convene on the 9th of February, after which the list of premiums and other matters in connection with the Exposition will be announced.

MATT. CARPENTER has been nominated by the Republican caucus of the Wisconsin Legislature for the election to the Senate. He is "in" a nice little place, and means to uphold the Kellogg usurpation. And then they tell some very naughty stories about his fondness for fast women when visiting Long Branch.

A WASHINGTON TELEGRAM says the announcement of the election of Andrew Johnson to the Senate accosted much joy among the Democrats, while some of the Republicans said they were satisfied, in view of the fact that he had defeated an ex-Confederate (Gen. Bates) who had contested the honor. The election is the subject of comment everywhere, and not a few predict that he will be a lively member of the Senate.

JOHN W. FORNEY, editor of the Philadelphia Press, and who has written over so many articles in denunciation of corrupt practices, is proved to have pocketed \$25,000 of the Pacific Mail corruption fund. Forney, it will be remembered, was one of the leading conspirators in the Johnson impeachment villainy. He believed Johnson to be a traitor. Had Andy permitted Forney to run the machine, the latter's opinion would have been the very opposite.

SPEAKING of a probable conflict with Spain, an exchange observes: "While we are now at peace, and all the world is in the same condition, there are evidences here at home, and among the other nations of the world, that this state of things is not to continue long. Europe stands upon the sleeping crater of a volcano, which is liable to burst forth with terrible power at any moment. What moment this will take place no one can tell, but that it will come soon, all men believe."

MICHIGAN has covered herself with eternal glory by defeating Zach Chandler for U. S. Senator and electing Judge Isaac P. Christianey in his stead. This gratifying result was brought about by a coalition of ten Republicans with the Democratic members of the Legislature. Christianey was formerly a Democrat, but identified himself with the Republicans on the slavery question. He is quite conservative in his views, and will make a model Senator. The defeat of Chandler is an event over which every moral and patriotic citizen may well rejoice.

JUDGE PERKINS of the Indianapolis Superior Court, last week rendered a highly important decision under the Baxter law by which about forty applicants who were denied by the county commissioners obtained permits to keep liquor. Judge Perkins holds that it is not necessary that the petition should contain the signatures of all those who actually vote at the election, but a majority of the number of actual voters in a ward as shown by the poll books at the last election. It is also decided that in case of appeal by any citizen against making license if he suffers no injury in person or property other than that which effects the public generally, he can have no suit in court.

AFTER balloting several days for about a half dozen prominent politicians, the Nebraska Legislature last Thursday picked up a new man and elected him on the first ballot. The name of the lucky individual is Algernon Sidney Paddock, politically a very moderate Republican. He is a native of St. Lawrence county, New York, and is about forty-four years of age. Of Puritan ancestry, distantly related to Gideon Welles, General and Senator Sherman. He has been a resident of Nebraska since 1856, living at Fort Calhoun a few years; removed to Omaha, where he resided until last year, when he was removed to Beatrice; was appointed Governor of Wyoming in 1868, but withdrew owing to no appropriation to defray the expenses of the Territorial Government. Though a Conservative-Republican, Mr. Paddock is claimed to be full of sympathy with the "party" and will probably act and co-operate with it in the future. His election was secured mainly as a compromise between the opponents of the strongest republican candidate, General Thayer, who, from a partisan stand point, was entitled to the place.

RIGHTEOUS AND UNRIGHTEONOUS JOURNALISM.

OUR COMMON SCHOOL SYSTEM.

NUMBER V.

We now come to consider the importance of having skillful men and women for commanders in this great army of children who daily enter our schools to battle against ignorance. Here a journalist may advocate what political or religious principles he chooses, and no imperial seal be placed on his issue. And within the broad boundaries of the law of libel he may by hint and innuendo make what attack his disposition induces on the character of any citizen.

While this breadth of latitude gives the press of this country an inculcable great power for good, it also lends it a mighty lever for evil. People read, and what they read has its influence on them in proportion to the extent of their own knowledge and the clearness with which they perceive the relation of things. Hence, there rests upon the journalist a mighty moral responsibility to write nothing but the truth. The man who publishes facts for the people furnishes the data upon which are based the conclusions which regulate their conduct, and he is worse than a thief if he garble or distort facts so as to lead to false conclusions. The maxim that "all things are fair in war" does not apply to journalism. The journalist has no legitimate warfare save with error; and his only weapon should be truth. He has no right to write for the gratification of his personal piques or the aggrandizement of his personal friends; but he should ignore all these and dare as a man to discharge the duty he has taken upon him, by assuming the editorial chair, i.e., write the truth. In this lies his whole duty; and discharging it he is honored and useful, while by deviating from it he is contemptible and a curse to society. When the journalist descends into the region of chicanery, misrepresentation and deliberate falsehood, and for any purpose propagates error, he directs his essays to that portion of a community having the least power to discriminate between the true and the false, and they often laud him as the champion of right, justice, and reform, for in some such holy name he always writes, when they should spit upon him for the insult offered to their understanding. If in a small social circle a man be found who is a liar, he is regarded as bad and dangerous, shunned like a contagion, tabooed, kicked out like a mangy dog as he should be, and no man inquires the reason why he lied, to seek a justification; but a journalist moving by his paper in an immensely wider circle, reaching many more ears than the private liar, casts out hints affecting the reputation of men and women, invades the sanctity of men's homes, creates heart burning and unhappiness, and false philosophy finds him a justification in the statement that it is necessary for political purposes. It is such men and such actions as these that bring parties and principalities to grief; that tend to entrap the freedom of the press, and rob journalism of some of its real honors. With men who write in this spirit we have no sympathy, claim no affinity, desire no communication, seek no political fellowship. We claim to advocate principles having their foundations deep in truth, inseparably connected with justice and right and needing no aid from fraud, falsehood or personal misrepresentation.

OUR NEW SENATOR.

Hon. Joseph E. McDonald, the distinguished gentleman who was last week elected United States Senator to succeed Daniel D. Pratt, after the fourth of next March, was born in Butler county, Ohio, August 29, 1819, and is therefore in his fifty-sixth year. He is described as being about five feet eight inches in height, robust figure; full round face; large round head, sparsely covered with gray hairs, set on a short, thick neck; he bears a striking resemblance to Horace Greeley at first sight; a fluent, ready talker, but not a great orator. His legal attainments are reckoned as good as any in the State. Mr. McDonald, to use the language of a correspondent, has those sterling qualities that ever maintain a hold on the admiration when once awakened, but more of a student than a public man, he has a reticent manner that many mistake for coldness, and he lacks that winning, royal manner in meeting people that distinguishes Governor Hendricks or Hon. D. W. Voorhees. He resided in Butler county until twelve years of age, when his parents removed to Indiana, where he served an apprenticeship of six years at the saddlery business, in Lafayette, acquiring, meanwhile, the rudiments of common school education. He entered Wabash College at twenty, and spent two years in that institution, defraying his expenses by working at his trade. He spent a year in Asbury University, Green castle, but did not graduate. He began the study of law with Zebulon Baird at Lafayette, and was admitted to the bar in 1842, and settled at Crawfordsville, and the first year of his practice was elected Prosecuting Attorney. In 1844 he married Miss N. R. Buel. In 1849 he defeated Henry S. Lane for Congress, and took his seat as the youngest member in the House. He served without distinction, was defeated for a re-nomination, resumed practice of his profession, was elected Attorney General by the Democrats in 1856, re-elected in 1858, and in 1859 removed to Indianapolis, where he has since resided. He formed a law partnership with Hon. A. L. Rosche, and they soon built up a wide and lucrative practice. He was elected to the State Central Committee and contributed much by his great tact for organization to the success of the party at the last election. Some would say that Mr. McDonald was born lucky, but he was born with a quality infinitely better than luck, that of grit, and his success in private and public life is the result of his indomitable energy and determined will.

Many persons are engaged in keeping school who would not ride in a train of cars if they knew the engineer to be an ignoramus. If they considered him unfit to manage an engine, they would not risk their lives on his train. The horseman who has a blooded colt to train will not entrust it to one whom he knows to be ignorant of the art of training horses. But then it does not matter so much about the child, he must be placed in the school car to be pulled over the rough road of education by an engineer unskilled in the simplest rudiments of his art. Parents, only think

of it; you will not ride behind an engineer by ignorant hands, but who are too short-sighted to see this, will soon fall in the rear. If the Church is to stand as an organization, it must keep pace with the times. It should take a high stand and endeavor to lift all up to it by a process of education. No pastor does his duty who neglects to visit the public schools. The press is also a powerful factor in the formation of public opinion, and we must not forget that it has a duty to perform in the work of common school education.

Reform in our schools must come from without. Every man and woman has a duty to perform in this matter. This generation is sowing seed for the next, and if it wishes the succeeding to prosper and progress in education and morality, it must look well to the kind of seed it is sowing. Men and women must be taught that it is an honor to labor for the well-being of all. Our girls must be better educated, not by giving them a veneered education that will enable them to appear well in society, but that sterling education which will make them intelligent mothers.

It has been our purpose in these articles to call attention to the principal needs of our theory of education, not in a spirit of fault-finding, but with the best of feeling toward the schools and their teachers. It is the duty of the press to attack all wrong of a public character in order that a better state of things may be brought about. We are a warm friend of the free school system, and believe that it can be made more powerful as a means of education, by eliminating wrong therefrom as far as it is possible for us to do. Let all, then, who have the welfare of their children at heart give this matter their particular attention. It is only by attending to a thing that good can be accomplished.

CONGRESSIONAL DOINGS.

The Senate has been considering Mr. Morton's proposed amendment to the constitution, providing for the election of President and Vice-President by a direct vote of the people. The bill contains several objectionable features and is not likely to pass.

A resolution directing the Secretary of War to furnish the Senate a detailed statement of amounts appropriated since 1860 for the improvement of the mouth of the Mississippi river, giving the names of and amount paid to each person, the date of payment, etc., has been adopted.

The House bill to provide an appropriation of \$150,000 for containing the construction of the Post-office and Custom-house at St. Louis, has passed the Senate.

The report of the conference committee on the Little Tariff bill has been agreed to, and the bill now goes to the President for his signature.

Senator Schurz's Louisiana resolution was discussed by several Senators during the past week.

The Republicans in the House propose to revise the rules to prevent dilatory motions, as a means of frustrating the minority for the remainder of the session by giving the Speaker power to refuse to recognize any dilatory motions, but, after powerful protests from the Democratic leaders, joined in by a few fair-minded Republicans, the effort was defeated. General Butler made another unsuccessful attempt to get at the Civil Rights bill.

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Above all, the teacher should possess good health. It is a popular opinion that whenever a person becomes too weak to do anything else, he is then a fit subject to become a teacher. This is all wrong. The school room demands models of health.

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