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A FEW days since it was reported that Senator Conover, of Florida, had expressed a determination to assist the Democrats in organizing the U. S. Senate. About 48 hours later the report was flatly contradicted. These big dailies do a tremendous business in manufactured news.

In New Jersey all political parties—Democrats, Republicans, and Green-backers—have adopted a plank in their respective platforms that the rate of interest should at once be reduced to six per cent. by explicit legislation. A similar demand will doubtless be made in a number of other States.

COL. DAVID H. ARMSTRONG, an old citizen of St. Louis, and the wheel horse of the Democracy of Missouri for the past 25 or 30 years, was appointed United States Senator last Saturday evening by Governor Phelps, to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Lewis V. Boggs. Colonel Armstrong is at present Vice President of the board of police commissioners of St. Louis.

MR. GEORGE WILLIAM CURTIS introduced into the New York Republican State Convention a proposition declaring that "the lawful title of R. B. Hayes to the Presidency is as clear and perfect as that of George Washington." On a call of the yeas and nays the convention rejected the proposition by a vote of nearly three to one, the yeas being 109, the nays 25.

JUDGE TAFT recently delivered an able speech on the silver question. He claims for silver an equal place with gold in the currency of the world, and points out with convincing clearness the great advantage to the United States which will result from its restoration as a standard of value in aiding the resumption of specie payments and in paying the national debt.

THE ST. LOUIS GLOBE-DEMOCRAT says that Mr. Armstrong, Boggs's successor in the U. S. Senate, "is a man of good sense and good character, and will make a creditable showing in the Senate as any person named for the place, except the person named by us. He is a Democrat of the old school, was rated as a 'southern man' during the war, and is now a warm admirer of the President's policy." This, coming from a republican organ, is a pretty fair endorsement.

UNCLE SAM is after General John C. Fremont to recover a snug little sum of over-pay. Fremont was appointed Major-General on the 15th of May, '71, but did not take command until the 25th of the following July. He drew his pay, however, as is alleged, from the former date for full salary and allowances, the sum being about \$3,000. The Government has instituted a suit against General Fremont in the United States District Court for the district of Columbia to recover the amount above named, which, it is claimed, was an erroneous payment.

CASSIUS M. CLAY, Minister to Russia under President Lincoln's administration, last Sunday shot and killed a negro named Perry White, a reputed desperado. A telegram from Richmond, Ky., gives the following verdict of the coroner's jury: "Perry White came to his death by a pistol shot wound inflicted by C. M. Clay, September 30, 1877. Testimony being given us under oath by C. M. Clay, he being the only witness, we are constrained to justify the said Clay, and believe he did it in self-defense." No particulars accompany the telegram as to how the killing was brought about. It is understood that White attacked Clay because of his mother's dismissal from Clay's farm house near Jeffersonville, Anderson county.

THE TRUE WAY to resumption is thus pointed out in a recent issue of the Chicago Tribune: "It will be found that the only practicable and economical road to specie payments is in the free coinage of remonetized silver dollars, and that the way to hasten specie payments is to hasten the restoration of the silver dollar. Every month's delay in the restoration of silver postpones specie payments; every month's delay postpones the coinage of four millions of silver dollars; and those who are opposing the restoration of silver coinage for the purpose of forcing resumption in gold coin alone are deceiving themselves with the hope of an impossibility. The only deliverance from legal-tender paper and from an exclusive paper currency must come through the restoration of the bill should have been passed or not. It was a piece of foolishness, and the question now is how can it be repealed or modified."

RESOLVED. That this convention repeat with emphasis the President's faithful attention to his Christian duties, and we cordially recommend that to the morning and evening services at the white house be added the little hymn, 'When I can read my title clear.'

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South Bend Tribune.

By the people making it plain to representatives in Congress that if they do not vote for repeal their political existence is ended.

THE NEW YORK REPUBLICANS. The Republicans of the Empire State held their convention for the nomination of a State ticket at Rochester on Wednesday of last week. Thomas C. Platt, a gentleman who wanted to be Postmaster General under the present administration, was made temporary chairman and subsequently retained as permanent presiding officer.

The main fight was over the platform.

Senator Conkling, having marshalled his hosts with consummate skill, at once became absolute master of the situation. The Hayes party had for its leader George William Curtis, editor of *Harper's Weekly*.

This gentleman delivered an able and eloquent speech in defense of the President's conciliatory southern policy and civil service reform.

Conkling followed in a speech of great power. He severely criticized the special champions of the Hayes faction, and eloquently declaimed against the demand for an unqualified endorsement of the President's course.

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The feeling in the convention must have been very bitter. The presiding officer, on taking the chair, delivered himself of a fiery speech against the administration, openly denouncing Evarts, Schurz and other cabinet officers. The galleries seemed to be filled with a decided majority of Hayes men who repeated hisses the more offensive passages of Senator Conkling's remarkable speech.

Under such circumstances it is not to be wondered that some difficulty was experienced in finding candidates to accept nominations at the hands of this turbulent convention. Defeat is inevitable, as admitted on all sides.

The meaning of the action of this convention is thus interpreted by this New York Sun:

A State convention of the whole party, by a majority of three to one, repudiates the Administration in reference to its so-called Southern policy and its scheme of what it calls civil service reform. But behind all this, and of necessity, lies the real reason of Senator Conkling's repudiation of the administration, lies the question of Mr. Hayes's right to be considered as the lawfully elected President. One sufficient reason for the dissatisfaction of the great body of the party with Mr. Hayes is that they cannot regard him as rightfully in the possession of his office. If we were differently situated, if his title to the office were one that upright Republicans could respect, the measures of his Administration would receive far greater toleration at their hands than they do now.

President Hayes failed to receive a majority of the votes of the people, and who nevertheless obtained possession of the office by fraudulent tampering with the electoral votes and a cunningly devised scheme for counting out electoral votes that belonged to his opponent, is weighed down with a load which it is difficult for his party to carry.

This is what predisposes many of those who voted for him at the polls to be particularly sensitive about his policy and measures; and when they find a repudiation of his title, and who made him their candidate and gave him all the popular votes he obtained, but also the principles on which the entire campaign was conducted by him and which constitute the whole essence of Republicanism, it is impossible for them to be quiet. The republican party has so long been conducted upon a policy toward the South which Mr. Hayes has upset, that when they find him reversing all that they have maintained, they know that the very existence of their party as a power in the land is in peril.

It is just so regarding his civil service reform. It never was a doctrine of the republican party that officeholders are not to be permitted to take an active part in politics. It has been, in its day, the most proscriptive party that has been known in our politics; more so than even the old Jacksonian Democracy. It has managed elections through the men who have obtained the spoils, and having done this it has repudiated all the principles of the party. The Judge could not suppress a broad smile at the idea of Conkling's speech rebuked. Friends of Conkling say he has burned his ships and does not propose to take one step backward, but will open a bold warfare on the administration as soon as Congress assembles. In order to create the impression that he is sustained by the people, it is proposed in New York to get up a public meeting at the Academy of Music, so as to afford him an opportunity to express the spirit of the Rochester convention to express themselves. 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