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Upson, the Democratic Congressman elected from Texas to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Slescher, has arrived at Washington, and after taking in the situation, told his brethren that he thought that the Democratic leaders were sadly in need of brains and that he should vote for the appropriations. Upson reflects the opinion of the masses throughout the country without regard to party.

One of the most daring robberies ever perpetrated in Chicago, occurred Saturday. The messenger of the Illinois Central railroad, while on the way to the bank, at 2 o'clock in the afternoon, with \$9,000 in bills for deposit, was met by two strangers in front of A. T. Stewart & Co.'s, who threw cayenne pepper in his eyes, snatched the package of money, and jumping into a buggy, drove off without detention. The robbers have since been caught.

The lying match now in progress at Washington, under the direction of the United States Senate, under the name of the Kellogg Spofford election case, bids fair to be the champion match of the season.

Spofford's witnesses can beat anything lying over brought from Louisiana before, and that is saying a great deal. Kellogg's witnesses are not far behind, however. Louisiana can certainly lay claim to the distinction of producing the champion liars of the world.

The Lime City News says the "Brick Pomeroy element sprinkled by a few traitorous Democrats, got control of the Ohio Greenback State Convention and nominated a ticket, but their attempt to dictate to the Nationals will not win, and Gen. Sam Cary and all the true Greenbackers will meet at Toledo on the 24th inst. and nominate the right ticket." The truth is, the Greenbackers of Ohio like the Greenbackers everywhere else, are badly muddled, and don't know what they believe or what they want. They will not poll votes enough in Ohio to carry a township in the State, and the sooner the News gets out of that party, the better it will be for it.

Three terrible tragedies were enacted Saturday. At Youngstown, Ohio, the wife of Henry Williams left him and went to a house of ill fame. He followed her and not being able to persuade her to return to her home shot her dead. At Houston, Texas, a negro barber murdered his wife Rosa, throwing her down and standing on her body deliberately firing two balls through her head while she was bleeding for her life. At Ottawa, Ill., Ted Connors, Lawrence White through the head killing him instantly. A brother of White's attempted to wrest the revolver from Connors, when it was accidentally discharged, inflicting a wound from which Connors died in a few minutes.

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The question of whether the government can reissue United States legal-tender notes in time of peace will soon be decided in the United States Supreme Court. The present test case is founded on a genuine transaction between Mr. J. B. Chittenden and General Butler. The plaintiff in this test case refused to receive certain United States notes which had been redeemed subsequent to Jan. 1, 1879, and reissued and kept in circulation, under, and in pursuance of, the act of Congress entitled "An act to forbid the further retirement of United States legal-tender notes." Judge Blatchford, of New York, gave judgment Saturday for the defendant, and dismissed the complaint. An appeal was taken to the Supreme Court. The decision will be of great interest and importance.

The Kokomo Dispatch acknowledges that the Democratic party of the past was a terribly bad party, but it says that a reformation has come over the old party and it proposes henceforth to progress as the people progress, and adds: "The majority of the people of this country are now opposed to intemperance, opposed to 'free whisky,' opposed to the doctrine of secession; hence the Democratic party, being the party of the majority, has gone 'back on itself,' has reformed as it were, to suit the demands of the times. A new Democracy has, in truth, grown up in the United States since the late rebellion; a union, loyal, temperate, liberal, moral, patriotic Democracy." We are glad to hear the Dispatch confessing the sins of the old party, but the "new Democracy" will have to "bring forth fruits, more meet for repentance than has been shown in the present Congress if they expect the people to believe that they are better than the old party.

The Democratic convention held at Columbus, Ohio, Wednesday of last week, nominated Gen. Thomas Ewing, the well known leader of the soft money wing of the Democracy in Congress, for Governor. Ewing will probably make a good race, though many of the hard money Democrats are bitterly opposed to him, and declare that they will not vote for him. But you "can't most always tell" how a Democrat will vote. If Ewing is elected, then the soft money men will control the Democratic national convention or divide the party. In either case the Republicans in our opinion would elect the President easily. We make no claim to superior political wisdom but we confidently predict that the success of Ewing in Ohio will insure the success of the Republican candidate for President in 1880; and his defeat will so demoralize the Democracy of the west as to make victory for the Republican party almost certain. The Democrats did a good days work for the Republican party when they nominated Ewing.

A memorandum of the financial operations of the Government showing changes in public debt, annual interest, &c., has been prepared at the Treasury department and we have a copy of this statement received direct from that department which any of our Greenback friends or anybody else can examine by calling at this office. This memorandum shows that the total interest bearing debt has been reduced \$583,566,594.96 since August 31, 1865. On the 31st of August 1865 the annual interest on the public debt was \$150,977,697.57. On the first day of August 1879, the annual interest will be \$83,773,778.50, a saving every year in interest of \$67,203,919.37. The reduction of the total debt since August 1865 is \$239,103.24. The debt has been reduced \$61,598,674.85 since March 1, 1877, and the annual saving of interest through the refunding and resumption operations since March 1, 1877 is \$10,872,177. The manner in which the finances of this nation have been managed during the last two years has challenged the admiration and wonder of the civilized world. Strange is it not, that anybody should be clamoring for a change.

The Washington correspondent of the Indianapolis Journal says the Republicans gave the Democrats a genuine surprise Monday. "Ryan, Republican, of Kansas, having the floor, sent up the army bill exactly as the Democrats reported it last week, and moved to suspend the rules and pass it. To prevent it thus becoming a Republican bill, Mr. Atkins moved to adjourn. Five Democrats voted with the Republicans to prevent this and force a vote on the bill, but two Republicans, Kiefer, of Ohio, and Sapp, of Iowa, refused to vote with the rest, and defeated this great triumph for their party. Still, this is a public notice of what it has been the desire to keep secret, namely, that the Republicans would almost unanimously support the present modified army bill.

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