

# THE STANDARD.

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## SOLDIERS AT THE POLLS.

Admit, for argument's sake, and as a fact, that an army in the vicinity of the polls used as a civil police force when men vote is a menace and interferes with the natural freedom and independence of the citizen, a proposition that has been and is maintained by George W. McCrary in his admirable work on elections. This makes no issue on which the parties are now divided. President Hayes, who has removed every vestige of military interference with local self governments, himself approved the political rider to the army appropriation bill preventing the use of the army as a police force on election days. This was going as far as the constitution contemplates, and merely places in statutory form what has been the uniform practice of all the republican administrations, in time of peace. Congress has power by virtue of section 8, of article 1, to enact a law to organize and equip an army. Congress shall appropriate money for the support of the army at least every two years. The present congress at their extra session coupled with the proposed appropriation political legislation virtually annulling acts of congress, but afterward, at the suggestion of the president, modified their ultimatum so that it received his sanction. The president is the commander in chief of the army. Constitution, Art. 2, Sec. 2. It is the president's duty to execute and enforce the laws of the United States. The United States shall guarantee to every state a republican form of government. Art. 4, Sec. 4. All executive officers shall be bound by oath to support the constitution of the United States. Art. 6. No state shall make or enforce any law which shall abridge the privileges of a citizen of the United States, nor deny to any person within its jurisdiction the equal protection of the laws. Art. 14. The right of citizens to vote shall not be abridged or denied on account of race, color or previous condition of servitude. Art. 15. The law of the United States which is now in force as to the use of the army on election day, is as follows: No person in the military or naval service of the United States shall appear armed at the place of any general or special election unless it be necessary to repel the armed enemies of the United States or to keep peace at the polls. No officer of the army or navy shall, by proclamation, order or otherwise in any manner interfere with the freedom of any election, or with the exercise of the free right of suffrage. Revised Statutes of the United States, Sec. 2,002, title xxvi, p. 333. Under the law as it now is, the army cannot abridge a free and peaceful ballot. The army never has as an army acting under the direction of its commanders in any manner prevented impartial suffrage. The soldiers are the true blue guard of the nation's honor. Every patriot loves their appearing. They bring with them law, order, peace and protection. On election day no peaceful, law abiding man should be coerced by either citizen or soldier in casting his ballot. Neither should any man or set of men be allowed to intimidate their fellows. Armed citizens assembled near the ballot box are certainly as dangerous to liberty as armed soldiers. The republicans offered to so amend Sec. 2,002 making it a crime for any armed men to approach the polls at any election. The democrats all voted against this wholesome restriction because it would apply to all alike. They want anarchy at the polls, and do not want the peace kept. Why would it not be a wholesome regulation to prevent all armed interference with elections at, or going to or returning from the polls, under heavy penalties? To absolutely prevent the executive from enforcing the provisions and guarantees of the constitution would result in confusion and be a heinous to wicked violations of law. The democratic party claim that each locality must be supreme, and set at naught the authority of the nation. Voters should try to inform themselves before they endorse a policy which tends to fraud, violence, and local intimidation, and denounce a policy which guarantees equal rights, law, order, and protection to every voter in the United States. Like the new jury system proposed by the democrats, that party wants elections subject to local, partial, and sinister influences.

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Wayne is thus reflected upon it is indeed humiliating. We beg pardon, and hope the injury inflicted will not be of a serious nature. As the error was purely accidental we ask the forgiveness of the good people of Fort Wayne, and promise to "go sin no more."

A disease similar to and equally as fatal as cholera is ravaging Centerpoint, Linn county, Iowa. Fully twenty persons have died from its effects within the past two weeks, and as many more are prostrated by it. It has also appeared at Walker, a small town situated about seven miles from Centerpoint, and several deaths have occurred there. The citizens of Centerpoint are badly scared and are fleeing from the town.

Judge Bland Ballard, of the United States Court, died suddenly at his home in Louisville, Kentucky, on last Tuesday afternoon. Heart disease or apoplexy is supposed to have been the cause of his death. He was one of the oldest and most influential citizens of Louisville, and his sudden demise casts a gloom over the entire state. He was in his sixtieth year.

Gov. Isaac P. Gray, Gen. M. D. Mans-  
son, Bayless W. Hanna and William Henders-  
on left Indianapolis, Tuesday, for Cleveland, Ohio, to assist the democ-  
rats of that state in laying the wires for  
the approaching election. Look out for  
an overwhelming republican victory.

"Yellow Jack" is still playing sad havoc among the remaining inhabitants of Memphis. From six to fifteen new cases and five to ten deaths are reported daily with no prospect of abatement of the dreadful disease.

The Indianapolis Journal remarks that "the general that will route the democracy this year is General Prosperity." It begins to look that way.

Yellow fever has made its appearance in New Orleans. Five cases have been reported to the board of health, but as yet none have died.

The first state election of the series to be held this season, will be that of Kentucky, which occurs next Monday.

For the week ending July 26th, one hundred and seventeen deaths occurred from yellow fever at Havana.

The internal revenue receipts for July amounted to \$9,500,000, and the customs receipts about \$13,000,000.

## NORMAL PUPILS.

Titus Price, James Erwin, Eliza Kirk, Eva Halstead, Emma Rhoades, Cattie Burroughs, Maggie Hemp-  
field, A. F. Florence, Jennie Gant, Hala Wilcox, Emma Tapp, Clara Adams, May Miller, Amanda Osborn, James Antrim, J. C. Pierson, Allie Johnson, Lily Burk, Ada Nowels, Julia Williams, Ada Coons, Ellis Pierce, Albert Coen, Lizzie Welsh, Ellis Evans, Mary Boul, Vena Bouk, Emma Dumond, Hulda Miller, Amos Cadwallader, Clara Majors, Carrie Irwin, A. M. Tyler, M. M. Tyler, Belle Moffit, Maggie Barkley, Alice Irwin, Alice Hopkins, Addie Hopkins, Anna Sigler, Myrta Hinkle, Mrs. C. Pillars, Lizzie Richardson, Belle Phegley, Emma Hammond, Emma Pierce, Charles Perrigrine, D. W. Terry, A. Terry, John E. Alter, Sallie Hogan.

## WAS IT ORIGINAL?

**EDITOR STANDARD:** — Two weeks ago when I took occasion to write an article for your paper in regard to the temperance movement in Remington, it never entered my thick head that the Argus eyes of one of our most talented, brilliant and original writers would pronounce the effusion a borrowed one. As the language used was in existence long before my I am compelled in expressing my ideas to use words that I believe are universally found in the dictionary. If that is what he meant by not being original I must plead guilty to the charge and throw myself upon the mercy of the would be critic. This is, however, an offense that can be remedied by ignoring common language and using words not known or thought of by any orthography smashers from Noah Webster down, as does my friend, the critic, who claims that "The Temperance Movement in Remington" was not original with him. It is possible that the article which I thought a very tame affair towered so far above his transmogrified imagination that he supposed it to be beyond the power of a citizen of Remington to engulph his brains sufficiently to bring it forth? Let us have a little charity for the young man and try to think he was only jesting. I lay no claim to being a writer of any ability, but what I do undertake in that line has ever been and doubtless ever will be a pure and unadulterated originality. — G. W. H.

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We will not be responsible to any citizen of Fort Wayne for the manner in which the *Standard* spells the name of that city in copies as sent from these columns. An "a" instead of an "o" in the first word reflects upon the dignity of that city very seriously.—[Rooster Sentinel.]

That was indeed a grievous error, one which tinged our cheek with shame when it was discovered too late to remedy. It was not on our own account that we felt so deeply moved at the mysterious appearance of that one little "a" for an o, but when the dignity of a city like Fort

## REMINGTON GOSSIP.

[From our special correspondent.]

O. W. Church's family has returned from an extended visit to friends and relatives in Ohio.

In my last, speaking of the new route to the cemetery, you say: "Hugh Powell's addition." It should be Brule's addition.

Quite an interest is kept up in the lately inaugurated Temperance reform and as far as known the wearers of the blue are holding out faithful.

Notwithstanding the stringency of the money market, the Christian Church has been treated externally to a coat of paint, which materially improves its appearance.

The newly painted seats at the Presbyterian Church disappointed the painter and disgusted the sisters. The seats were not carried off but most of the paint was, on the clothing of the congregation.

The hunters are cleaning up their shot guns and are making it lively for the birds, driving them from place to place and allowing them no time for rest and refreshment. Of course they are hot after prairie chickens, only birds.

Flax seed is coming in pretty lively at present and it is confidently expected that within the next two months, \$25,000 will be paid out in Remington for that article alone.

This ought to relieve the farmers and business men materially in their financial relations.

About these days a little rain would be acceptable, enough to settle the dust at any rate. The ground is getting very dry and many wells begin to show signs of weakening. Grass in the pastures too is withering and stock is on rather short rations. It is a good time for securing small grain, and farmers are improving the time. Oats and flax are yielding well and threshing machines are running to the best of their ability. In view of the bountiful harvest it does seem as though the better times are at hand.

From present appearance an "irrepressible conflict" will one of these days take place between the bipeds and rodents of this place. Just now the rats have the best of it. The sidewalk, cellars, hogerooms and every old building are literally swarming with them. The grain houses, cornfields, gardens and chicken coops furnish their food and they help themselves with as much cheek as though all these things were made for their especial benefit. Thousands are killed every year and yet they are alarmingly increasing. "Something has to be done" or else the humans must vacate the premises.

The Democratic party regards the United States election law as a grievance. Criminals and those who prosper by violating law regard all laws as grievances. A Congress composed of counterfeitors and mail robbers would have gone much farther than the Democrats did in nullifying the statutes, though they could not have shown a worse spirit. "No thief e'er felt the halter draw with good opinion of the law." —[Stark County Enterprise.]

When Phil. Sheridan rode from Winchester to victory he shouted to the boy, "We've got a twist on them!" And he had, as Early found. The brigadiers in Congress have been bringing back the Union forces this winter and spring, but we are rallying now, and in the autumn election the Republicans will get a "twist" on the rebels that will make their hair stand on end. —[Indianapolis Journal.]

Our special correspondent it seems has made a serious mistake in supposing that he could remain incog. He forgot that the Remington Reporter was in full blast, and that the natural shrewdness and keen perceptions of the editor of the aforesaid paper, could, and in all human probability would penetrate the veil of mystery and bring forth to the public the name of your unworthy correspondent. Said Editor knows everything. Will he tell us who struck Billy Patterson? Can he inform his many subscribers what has become of T. M. Collins? You need not tell who your S. C. is as everybody then will know as much as the Editor of the Reporter, and then what would be the use of newspapers? — GATES.

**RAILROADS.**

No one can take a map of the state of Indiana and scan it closely without coming to the conclusion that Rochester is destined to become a railroad center of no small importance. It is situated in a belt of country which no railroad can be built running east or west, without making it a point on the line. There is now under contract and course of construction; a narrow gauge from the east to this place, which, when completed will be one among the best and most important roads in the country. It will connect the far east and distant west by a line much shorter than any now in operation and as a consequence traveling and freight expenses will be proportionately reduced. Rochester now has a north and south railroad connecting the capital of the State and cities on the Ohio river, with Lake Michigan, the great lumber country of Michigan, and Chicago, the metropolis of the west. 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