

On Wednesday the President nominated George L. Smith to be Collector at New Orleans.

SEVERAL National Banks, located at Detroit, Flint, Corunna, Lansing, and other Michigan cities, have commenced redeeming their circulation in gold.

THE Thurman Pacific Railroad Sinking Fund bill passed the House on Wednesday; yeas, 243; nays, 2. Butler, of Mass., and Lynde, of Wis., voted no.

This remark from the Ypsilanti Sentinel is a center shot: "We suggest that the name of the Greenback or National party be changed to the Irredeemable party."

WOULD'N'T it have been better for Congress to abolish the 25 cent instead of the 20 cent silver piece. In our decimal currency the silver quarter is out of place.

WILLIAM ORTON, President of the Western Union Telegraph Company, died of apoplexy at an early hour on Monday morning, aged nearly 52 years. Dr. Green, late Vice-President of the company, has been elected President.

"WHEN I kill that squirrel and one more I shall have two" was the innocent remark of a young hunter, and that that unsophisticated journal, the Buffalo Commercial Advertiser, says: "If we hold our own, and carry 11 districts [more] we can control the next House, unless cheated by a Democratic clerk. That's good, 'if' and 'unless'."

THE River and Harbor Appropriation bill was put through the House on Monday under a suspension of the rules. The vote was 166 yeas and 66 nays. The bill appropriates \$7,300,000 for works scattered in 35 of the 38 States, Michigan getting \$569,000. It will probably be necessary to import water for some of the rivers and creeks to be improved; but whether that is so or not we do not believe in passing important appropriation bills under the crack of the whip. Our sympathies are with Cox and his fellow protestants.

THE teachings of one Thomas Jefferson used to be received by the Democracy of the country as sound, and we therefore reproduce one of his utterances for the benefit of those Democrats who somehow have imbibed the idea that an unlimited issue of irredeemable greenbacks would prove a panacea for every evil. Jefferson said: "Capital may be produced by industry and accumulated by economy; but jugglers only will propose to create it by ledger-dominion tricks with paper."

ONE of the first efforts of the "National" or greenbackers to purify the local politics of this State has been developed at East Saginaw, where the Greenback and Republican members of the Council are charged with attempting to buy the vote of Ald. Barron, a Democrat, for their candidates for office to be elected by the Council.—\$200 being the purchase price. Ex-Alderman Topping is also charged with bargaining for Barron's vote for himself. Mayor Thompson has made charges and procured the arrest of both Barron and Topping.

AND now the Republicans have the "shakes" again. McLin, ex-Secretary of State of Florida and one of the State Board of Censors, and L. G. Dennis, of Alachua County, have made each a written confession, and told how the frauds were perpetrated which gave the vote of Florida to Hayes and Wheeler and defrauded Tilden and Hendricks of their election. Dennis says that 214 names were added to the poll list of Archer precinct after the polls closed, while McLin exposes the transactions of the State Board. Will Little Bill Chandler try to suppress these confessions?

THAT Conkling "interview" brought out in the New York World of the 17th inst. made a number of prominent Republican Senators at Washington feel anything but comfortable. Matthews and Dawes and Hoar and Burnside and Conover and Patterson and "Our Christianity" are waiting anxiously an official denial or the opportunity to raise the Conkling hair. Senators Gordon and Lamar are more amused than angry, while Secretary Sherman is "on his ear" over the work attributed to him at New Orleans. One thing is certain, the "interview" puts Conkling in no enviable light. He confesses to being the originator of the Electoral Commission; that fraud was perpetrated in Louisiana for the benefit of Hayes, and then congratulates himself that he was necessarily absent from his seat in the Senate when the Commission's decision on Louisiana came to that body for confirmation or rejection. Conkling is evidently neither a brave nor a consistent statesman.

THIS is the portrait Senator Conkling—through his Union interviewer—draws of Senator Christianity: "Then, there's Christianity. He was elected as a compromise candidate, you know, and came to the Senate confessedly as an independent. He has not been radical in his convictions, nor much of a politician in experience, and he readily reverted towards Mr. Hayes' talk about reform and conciliation. He has the dispensing of patronage in Michigan, and that has a tendency to keep him attached to the administration. For himself there are other favors yet to come. He has heard that the President offered him a circuit judgeship, which he declined, as he has a young wife who is not at all disposed to leave Washington. It is understood that he is willing to wait until Judge Swayne resigns or dies, and that, in either event, the President has promised to make him an Associate Justice of the Supreme Court. This will take him out of the Senate, but the President favors himself by that time he will have the need of any Republican votes. Christianity has vacillated at times, but on the whole it is safe to count on him with the administration. He will vote with it on nearly every question—appointments and all."

Those who know Michigan's "compromise" Senator will recognize the truthfulness to nature of this free and easy sketch, and will be inclined to believe that there is more truth than poetry in the pictures drawn of other Senators.

THE FATHERS of the greenbacks never imagined that they were inaugurating a permanent financial policy, that greenbacks, irredeemable, and valueless without the certainty of redemption, were to become the standard money of the country, and an I O U remain forever a legal tender. Secretary Chase when the first greenback was issued fastened a gold dollar to his watch-chain, symbolizing his hope that the paper promise, the child of necessity, would some day, even in his life-time, give way to the coin of the Constitution. And Abraham Lincoln said in his first annual message, December 2, 1862:

"It is a return to specie payments at the earliest practicable time with regard to all interests concerned, should ever be kept in view. Fluctuations in the value of currency are always reduced to their minimum by reductions to the lowest possible point will always be a leading purpose in legislation. Conspicuously prompt and certain convertibility into gold is to be the best and surest safeguard against them."

It has remained for modern financiers—the Brick Pomeroy and Blanton Duncans and Tom Ewings and Moses Fields and Dick Trevellicks and Sam Carys and all that class of political weathercocks—to adopt the rag baby and seek to confer immortality upon it. We can see how Republican greenbackers, having believed in the war legislation of their party, can seek to perpetuate even its worst features in times of peace, but it is inconceivable how any Democrat, having indorsed the financial utterances of their party from the days of Jackson down, can now believe in the right of the Government to make its note a legal tender. They have certainly run after strange gods (rag-baby gods) without taking observations or determining the depths of centralization and financial demoralization into which they are descending.

THE Adrian Press, which has been badly bitten by the rag baby, proposes the following conundrum: "Now why not have United States notes in the place of the National Bank notes, and save 5 per cent interest on \$360,000,000 of bonds? Gold bugs please answer." As the United States pays no more interest on its bonds owned by National Banks than on its bonds held and owned by the savings banks or insurance company at Adrian, or by executors, administrators and private citizens of Lenawee County, it loses nothing because of the interest paid to the banks. Congress may repeal the National Bank law, call in the National Bank notes, and give in exchange, as its contract will compel its agents to do, the bonds held in trust by the banks, but that will not stop interest on its bonds. Interest can only be stopped by paying the bonds as a private citizen pays his notes or mortgages. Shall they be paid, or ought they to be paid, by a non-interest bearing obligation—even though it be called a legal tender? Private creditors do not accept the new obligations of private debtors as payment; and when greenbacks shall be issued in volume sufficient to discharge the bonded debt of the country they will be as worthless as illegal.

AT A MEETING of the Republican State Committee held in Detroit last week, in conference with Republican politicians representing all parts of the State, it was determined to call the State Convention for an early date, June 13. Concerning the condition of the party, and foreshadowing its platform, the Post and Tribune says:

"The recent conference among individual Republicans from all parts of the State showed that there is no feeling of discouragement existing in the party, and that it was never in better mood for an earnest struggle. There are no differences in its ranks that cannot be harmonized for the sake of Republican success; and there is no disposition to surrender its principles or abandon its ground. It will take emphatic position in this State this fall against crassness in finance, against the domination of the National Government of a Democratic party placed by the very conditions of its only possible success in the attitude of the anti-war doughfaces, and against any abandonment of the Republican doctrine, and it will fight a plucky battle, ending in another unflinching and decisive victory against all foes. The race is not to be won, or lost, but we shall win it handsomely."

Our Republican friends will find the Democrats starting in the race not far behind, and with a determination to pass them on the home-stretch,—if not earlier in the heat.

THIS is the platform of the "Honest Money League" recently organized in Detroit, with Prof. Charles A. Kent, of the Law Department of the University, as President, and well known members of both old political parties in its official board:

"We are in favor of a speedy return to specie payments and the maintenance of a currency of coin and of paper convertible into coin at the will of the holder."

We believe that all plans for the increase of the currency by new issues of irredeemable paper are a fraud and a delusion which will destroy confidence in the currency and thereby increase the present financial distress and ultimately result in repudiation. We sympathize deeply with all who are in want of employment and all who are burdened with debt, but believe that neither class can justly or wisely look for aid to new legislation, and that the real interests of the laboring and debtor classes can only be permanently promoted by a sure and speedy return to a coin basis. The sole object of the association is the dissemination of these principles. Such a league ought to be organized in every county and town in the State. While the friends of honest constitutional money are idle, the "National" or greenbackers are spreading financial heresy broadcast through the State.

IF THE convention of farmers and wool-growers held at Kalamazoo last week intelligently and faithfully represented the farmers and wool-growers of the State those classes are in favor of having both ends of the stick sagged in their interest. Witness the following resolution:

Resolved, That we are opposed to any reduction of the present tariff or to any change in any part of the duties on the article, where a duty is levied on an raw material affecting the interests of agriculture. That a reduction of the tariff on wool, in its various qualities and conditions, is unjust to the grower, injurious to the manufacturer, and unequal for any exigency of the government, and its only advantage inuring to the importer, for whose benefit the change is sought.

The preamble hinted at opposition to the admission of wheat and flour free of duty: so that we have a demand for a high duty on wool and manufactured woolen fabrics, a duty on wheat and flour, and the free admission of all "raw material affecting the interests of agriculture." Are there no other classes of citizens entitled to consideration? Have the great consuming classes no right to buy where they can buy the cheapest? or must forced contribution be perpetually levied upon them for the support of the manufacturer and the agriculturist? The following resolutions, also adopted by the convention, may be of interest to both wool-growers and wool-buyers in this county:

Resolved, That the dockage on bales of fleeces ought not to exceed one-third of the actual weight of the actual weight, not to exceed one-quarter of the actual weight. Resolved, That the price shall be agreed upon by the cash value determined by the trader in specie, and no further dockage shall be allowed. Resolved, That the grade of fleeces shall be determined by the opinion of the convention, and that the practice of washing sheep is injurious to the sheep, expensive and disagreeable to the owner, and had better be abandoned.

POLITICAL CLIPPINGS.

IT is a great pity that the Senate Finance Committee should be induced to let the financial question alone. The measures of the administration for the resumption of coin payments are going forward with the aid of favorable circumstances, and they should be allowed to work themselves out. The conclusion without legislative interference. Congress has made its experiment with the silver dollar for better or worse, and should rest with it. It is true enough that the advocates of the scheme are disappointed at its results; but their failure should not be a reason for any further experiments at present.—N. Y. Evening Post.

First Blaine, then Howe, now Conkling. They all speak out boldly. "If Packard was not elected Governor, Hayes was not elected President," said the first. "It was an act of treason against the people," adds Mr. Conkling. "I believe that when the whole truth is known it will sink this administration.—President and all—to the lowest depths of infamy." There is much vigor in the remarks of the latter. The critics of Mr. Hayes within the Republican party. They deserve the title of stalwarts, which seems likely to stick to them.—Boston Post.

There is one way in which Mr. Conkling can protect himself from attacks of this kind, and that is by showing that he has the place for talking against his colleagues, or finding fault with the administration, is in the market-place, where all the world can see and hear them. Great statesmen who aspire to supreme dominion have no business to put their secrets, to be retailed to their favorite friends, especially, and disclaimed at the first convenient opportunity.—Boston Advertiser.

Secretary Sherman says he feels "deeply interested in the election of the next House of Representatives, in the hope that it may give a majority of those who agree with us in opinion." If it means the administration it is not easy to see how a Republican majority in the House can do anything to improve things. There is probably not an administration Republican anywhere in Congress now, unless it be Stanley Matthews, and the world has long since forgotten him.—Philadelphia Times.

The President intimates that he has received many propositions from his followers in different sections to establish an administration organ in Washington, and to make organs of other journals elsewhere, and that these truly good propositions are being carefully coupled with applications for appointments to office. Well, that is not surprising. It is in the line of reform, as interpreted by Carl Schurz, chief apostle of the goodly gods and purely-bred office-holders. Schurz is a reformer and will let blood that throbs and throbs for office.—Boston Traveller.

The Lansing Republican, in its latest issue, invites the attention of its readers, as it has done before, to the fact that the greatest gains made by the "National" party at the recent election in this State were made in Republican strongholds. This fact is as well known to the attention of Democrats. It shows that the tendency of the great bulk of the Democracy of Michigan is to stand by their past utterances and platforms, on the currency question. In the large majority of cases the Democratic strongholds are in the general country, and wavering were in Republican strongholds.—Free Press.

A venerable Irishman from a town ship near this city was relating in one of the stores, a day or two ago, his experience at a meeting addressed by some of the National leaders of the city. Said he: "I had a long talk with them, and we were out the other night a telling of us to pay the national debt, and bled it was myself that told them they had better first learn to pay their own debts." That was a shot below the water line.—Jackson Patriot.

In order to harmonize and conciliate, the President is only required to abandon all the distinctive features of his administration, the Southern policy excepted, and put himself in the hands of the politicians and spoil-gatherers. This was required of General Grant by the Camerons, and what a record of civil administration he left behind him.—Cincinnati Commercial.

STATE NEWS BRIEVITIES.

Oscar Harrington has been sent to State Prison for two years by the Jackson Circuit for larceny. A black bear weighing over 300 lbs. was killed within five miles of the city of Manistee on the 12th. Branch County proposes to build a new poor house, the voters having consented—at a cost not to exceed \$4,000. The Pawmow village Council have passed an ordinance taxing liquor sellers from \$100 to \$500 according to grade.

The Common Council of Centerville have decided that the privilege of selling liquors in that village is worth \$500 a year. A bed of gypsum has been discovered in Hamilton, Gratiot county, 106 feet below the surface, 18 feet in thickness, and of the purest quality.

W. S. Green & Co., of Saginaw City, have just received the largest smoke-stack in the West—80 feet long and weighing five tons. The handle factory of J. W. H. Smith & Co., at Vandalia, Cass county, was destroyed by fire April 18. Loss, \$30,000; insured \$6,000. The dwelling of Hiron Corlies, three miles east of Coldwater, was burned on the 20th, with its contents. Loss, \$2,000; uninsured.

Wm. Kuller, who has lately finished a term of two years in the Indiana State Prison, has been arrested for stealing in Berrien county. The Otsego Village Council have adopted by-laws shutting up the saloons at 9 p. m. from May to November, and at 8 p. m. the balance of the year.

Eddy, Avery & Co., of Bay City, are rebuilding their burned docks, trawlers, etc. They have sold 6,000 barrels of damaged salt for \$600, to Chicago parties. It can be used for curing hides and other purposes. Berrien County Journal: We doubt if there is another county east in Michigan, outside Berrien Springs, that has no law office or practicing lawyer.

Samuel L. Smith, of the firm of Smith & Harris, of Houghton, has filed a petition asking that the firm be adjudged bankrupt. Their liabilities amount to \$396,910, of which \$22,800 are secured and \$174,310 unsecured.

The Greenback village council, of Concord, having failed to put Great Lakes exclusively on guard in making their appointments to the village offices, a large number of the members of the Greenback club have withdrawn from it, disgusted and mad.

The prisoners in the State Prison were visited on Sunday by Mrs. J. Arcambal, of Kalamazoo, and Mrs. Anne, a very little present of Adrien College. The latter sang several pieces very beautifully, and the former made an earnest address to the men. Most of them preferred their stolid bearing, but a few appeared moved. It gave each man a little present of flowers as he passed out the men applauded the singing very heartily.

A brutal murder took place in the township of Hauterack, near Detroit, on Saturday night last. The victim was Anthony Miller, an old man of 70, Joseph Hilger, a well known farmer, was charged with the crime. The murderer was committed by half a dozen masked men—though one shot killed him in his bed—and that he himself was terribly maltreated and left for dead. Hilger's story is decidedly fishy, but the police as yet been unable to unravel the mystery.

ANN ARBOR MARKETS.

The following prices were paid yesterday by dealers in this city: Apples, green, per bu. \$1.75; 1881. Apples, red, per bu. 60c; 1882. Apples, per bu. 60c; 1883. Apples, per bu. 60c; 1884. Apples, per bu. 60c; 1885. Apples, per bu. 60c; 1886. Apples, per bu. 60c; 1887. Apples, per bu. 60c; 1888. Apples, per bu. 60c; 1889. Apples, per bu. 60c; 1890. Apples, per bu. 60c; 1891. Apples, per bu. 60c; 1892. Apples, per bu. 60c; 1893. Apples, per bu. 60c; 1894. Apples, per bu. 60c; 1895. Apples, per bu. 60c; 1896. Apples, per bu. 60c; 1897. Apples, per bu. 60c; 1898. Apples, per bu. 60c; 1899. Apples, per bu. 60c; 1900. Apples, per bu. 60c; 1901. Apples, per bu. 60c; 1902. Apples, per bu. 60c; 1903. Apples, per bu. 60c; 1904. Apples, per bu. 60c; 1905. Apples, per bu. 60c; 1906. Apples, per bu. 60c; 1907. Apples, per bu. 60c; 1908. Apples, per bu. 60c; 1909. Apples, per bu. 60c; 1910. Apples, per bu. 60c; 1911. Apples, per bu. 60c; 1912. Apples, per bu. 60c; 1913. Apples, per bu. 60c; 1914. 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THE NEWS CONDENSED.

THE EAST. WILLIAM PHILLIPS, alias "Pat the Avenger," the hero of the Pittsburgh riots of last summer, was tried last week on an indictment for murder. The jury rendered a verdict of acquittal, and he was remanded to jail to await the change of venue in the riot and consequent destruction of property...

THE WEST. REPORTS from over 150 stations on the lines of the Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul roads in Wisconsin, Iowa, and Minnesota, show the acreage sown to wheat is from 20 to 30 per cent. larger than last year.

THE NORTHWEST. The National Bank of Chicago announces that hereafter notes of its own issue will be redeemed at its center in gold...

THE SOUTH. A DISPATCH to the Galveston News reports an Indian attack on the mail-carrier near Fort Concha. One man was killed and the mail captured. The same day another mail-carrier was attacked near Fort Davis. The Indians are supposed to be from the Fort Stockton reservation.

CONGRESSIONAL PROCEEDINGS. TUESDAY, April 16.—SENATE.—The resolution of Mr. Davis, of Virginia, offering a resolution, which was adopted, was read and passed...

WASHINGTON. The gold dollar question is practically settled, for this session of Congress at least, the House Coinage Committee having decided to refer the matter to the International Monetary Commission...

THE HOUSE. The majority of the House Committee on Agriculture has agreed to the Cattle Transportation bill that has been pending before the committee during the last two or three months...

POLITICAL. At a meeting of the Cabinet in Washington, the other day, and before the Ministers had formally proceeded to the business of the day, the President submitted a platform which he said he believed would reunite the Republicans...

THE OREGON REPUBLICAN STATE CONVENTION was held at Salem, April 17. C. O. Beckman was nominated for Governor, and H. K. Hines for Congress. "Gath" views the Presidential possibilities from New York, and believes that Hendricks is the best candidate for President in 1880 on the first ballot...

GENERAL. The International Sunday-School Convention has just been held at Atlanta, Ga. All the States, Territories and Canadian provinces were represented, about 450 delegates being in attendance. Gov. Colquhoun, of Georgia, presided.

EXCISE. A BEALIN dispatch says it is understood that, in consequence of the slow progress of the attempted mediation, Prince Bismarck has recommended fresh negotiations between the powers themselves. In reply, both Austria and Prussia have declined to accept the mediation...

CONKING AND THE PRESIDENT. An interview with the New York Senator, Mr. Conkling, is published in the New York World. The New York World publishes a long and important letter from its Utica (N. Y.) correspondent, being the sum of a series of interviews with Senator Conkling...

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