

TO ADVERTISERS.

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This first contested election case was disposed of in the House committee on the 14th of last month. It was that of a white democrat contesting the seat of a colored republican, in the first Alabama (Mobile) district. The case was decided in favor of the sitting colored member.

Sodom and Gomorrah were destroyed for their wickedness. If the radical party is allowed another four years' lease of power, we may reasonably expect a tide of fire and brimstone to roll over the land. There seems to be a principle in nature that when a people become wholly corrupt an avenging Deity sweeps them from the face of the earth.

"LET no guilty man escape," was the President's declaration when the manufacturers of "crooked whiskey" were being run down by the minions of the law; but with the evidence of Belknap's guilt in his possession, he with hot haste accepted his resignation, hoping thereby to stave off the impeachment of the guilty Secretary. It makes a wonderful difference whose ox is gored.

How Now?—When Williams, Delano, and others of Grant's Cabinet went out of office under a cloud, the President took occasion to address them letters, assuring them that he had full confidence in their integrity, and regretted that circumstances required their retirement from the public service. The public will look with some interest to know what character of letter the President addressed Mr. Belknap, and whether the disgraced secretary has been furnished a certificate of character.

MISERY LOVES COMPANY.—We hear of an ex-army officer who greatly sympathizes with Belknap in his fall, and thinks it an outrage that a "democratic Congress should run down some of the best men in the republican party." Our sympathetic friend illustrates the old saying that "misery loves company." While in the army he endeavored to "turn an honest penny," and became notorious for his dishonest transactions. As a matter of course, he sympathizes with Belknap, and thinks the sale of post-trader ships about the fair thing.

CORRUPTION.—To find a parallel for the corruption that everywhere permeates the party in power, we must go back to the days when Walpole ruled England, and openly conducted his administration on the principle that "every man had his price." The radical party seems to be at least two centuries behind the age, and at this late day attempts to govern the country after the fashion that disgusted and disgraced our English forefathers. They have already made the public service a synonym with speculation and fraud, and with the Belknap explosion have shown that they are capable of stooping to acts that would mantle the cheek of a South Sea Islander.

THE LATEST REPORTS from Washington indicate that Pierrepont, Attorney General, will be the next cabinet officer to go into disgrace. Evidence has been obtained that in the Babcock trial he betrayed the prosecution and furnished the defense with full details of all the evidence on which the prosecution relied for a conviction. Under these circumstances Babcock's acquittal was a foregone conclusion, and his trial was little better than a mockery of justice. With the Secretary of War selling offices, and the Attorney General betraying the government and falsifying his oath, it may well be said that we have fallen upon evil times. Such infamy is enough to make the fathers of the Republic turn in their graves.

SAMUEL HANNAH, of Union county, Oregon, has been appointed collector of customs for the port of Portland, vice H. W. Scott, removed. This change is understood to be preliminary to a general change in the Federal officials. Malarkey, the U. S. Marshal, is expected very shortly to receive an invitation to "step down and out," to be followed by Denny and others who bask in official sunshine. This is none of our funeral, and we care not how many heads roll in the dust. All these fellows have held offices until they have grown haughty and dictatorial—if not corrupt—and their removal is likely to promote the general welfare. Now that the work has begun, we want to see a general dismissal of the old baronets. New officials are much more likely to be honest and quiet as officials. Let the old hulks of race-ascendancy drift away into obscurity.

The Crowning Infamy.

On our first page will be found the particulars of the case of Secretary Belknap, who it seems has been in the habit of selling the appointments more immediately under his control, and in that way has managed in a very few years to accumulate quite a large fortune. In the case that led to his detection he employed his wife as a go-between, but after a brief period he dropped all disguise and received and accepted for the money. From the post trader at Fort Sill, Arkansas, it is in evidence that in a period of less than five years forty thousand dollars was collected as the price of holding the position. Of this sum twenty thousand dollars was traced directly to the Secretary's pocket. In this state of affairs, and at a time when the committee of investigation was about to report the facts to the House with a view to the Secretary's impeachment, President Grant accepted his resignation, and in that way attempted to forestall any further Congressional investigation. This was even too much for the President's partisans in Congress, and dis regarding the action of their chief, the House of Representatives unanimously voted to present the late Secretary of War to the Senate as guilty of high crimes and misdemeanors in office. In the history of civilized governments we fail to recall such an exhibition of gross corruption on the part of a high public official, and standing without a parallel it must be regarded as the crowning infamy of the nineteenth century. Coming too at a period when we are arranging for the centennial celebration of American independence, it will cause every citizen of the country to hang his face for very shame. To every thoughtful man it has been apparent for years that corruption permeated all branches of the public service; but even with the best informed it was never dreamed that Cabinet officers had sunk so low as to peddle out the offices at their disposal. This crime has now been brought home to the Secretary of War, and under all the circumstances his degradation and punishment cannot follow too speedily. It was bad enough when the President's private secretary was implicated in the whiskey frauds. Even that was regarded as cause for national humiliation; but when it comes to a cabinet officer—the President's constitutional adviser—making merchandise of his patronage, we have reached the crowning infamy. A sad picture and one from which every true American will turn away with loathing and contempt—contempt for the system that renders such crimes possible.

IMPEACHED.—The Mississippi Assembly, by a vote of 85 to 14, have resolved to try Governor Ames for alleged high crimes and misdemeanors in office. The dispatch says that 16 republicans were absent when the resolution was put to vote, but that all the republicans present and two democrats voted against it. The absence of so many republicans looks as if they did not like to assume the responsibility of voting against the resolution. Certainly, if they believed the Governor innocent, they ought to have been at their posts and protested, by their votes at least, against subjecting him to the ordeal of a trial by his political opponents.

TO BE REINSTATED.—Judge Luke Poland, the blue-coated and brass-buttoned veteran who so long served Vermont in Congress with unimpeachable integrity, but who lost his popularity by his connection with the famous law to make the press of the whole country amenable before the police court at Washington, and lost his election to the present Congress, seems to have regained his old constituents' good opinion, and he will probably be re-elected to Congress.

CREeping UP.—A few weeks since it was the President's private secretary that was implicated in the whiskey frauds. Next came Secretary Belknap, who was caught in the very act of selling appointments at his disposal. And now comes the report that Orville Grant, a brother of the President, is implicated in the frauds of which Belknap stands convicted. "Let no guilty man escape."

The democrats of the House of Representatives are on the whiskey scent just now. They have called for all correspondence and papers in the whiskey cases and appointed another investigating committee. These gentlemen propose to make an effort to throw a little more light on some of the obscure phrases of the recent whiskey trials.

THE CARLIST STRUGGLE seems to be practically at an end. What remains of the army of the young chieftain is hemmed in and defenceless, and for the present the cause of Don Carlos is hopeless. This end might have been attained long ago if there had been purpose and virtue enough in Spain to bring it about.

WILL HURT THE PARTY.

The republican national committee contemplate changing the place of holding the national convention, as determined some weeks since. The reason for the proposed change is that the hotel proprietors of Cincinnati have combined to make a good thing out of the gathering of hungry politicians which this, like all large conventions, will call together. Even Senator Morton, whose interests were supposed to be advanced by the selection of Cincinnati, admits that an advance of hotel prices will hurt the party. A delegate or a visitor who is made to pay \$6 per day instead of \$4 for hotel accommodations will not thereafter be regarded as sound on the main question. So, Morton, Blaine and the committee propose to go to Chicago, providing the hotel proprietors of that city will agree to feed delegates and visitors at the usual rates.

PROFITABLE BANKRUPTCY.—A Boston letter states that nearly a thousand New England firms have gone into bankruptcy during the past sixty days. It is also intimated that many of these business failures were a mere business speculation. A firm discovers that it can get released from its liabilities by paying about fifty per cent. on them, and the temptation to do so, even though able to pay in full, is too great for the slender stock of moral principle which many tradesmen of the present day possess. The time when going through bankruptcy was a harrowing process seems to have passed. Business men duck their heads under water for a few days, keep still and let the law set them free of debt. Then they come up smiling and go on as before.

THE POST OFFICE INVESTIGATION by the committee of the House of Representatives has brought a number of witnesses willing to testify to malpractice in high places in the department; and now the department retaliates by publishing the record of some of those who have given testimony. These certainly show badly for the reliance to be placed on such witnesses, and if the charges rest on their statements alone they cannot injure anybody. It must, however, be remembered that vital facts often become known to the worst of men, and when concurrent testimony supports them their evidence has a certain value.

BLOWING HOT AND COLD.—It is very painful to record the fact that the attitude of President Grant to Secretary Bristow in relation to the whiskey fraud trials exhibits the former in the light of one urging aloud one day what he doggedly attempts to prevent the next. Even as a policy this is a mistake, for Grant is thus making Bristow the most important man in country. Bristow must not let himself be driven out, no matter what annoyance it costs him to remain.

It has leaked out that a large supply of arms and ammunition have recently been shipped from New York to Vera Cruz which are intended for Mexico. The opinion is entertained by parties in New York, supposed to be well informed that a revolutionary movement in Mexico is inevitable and that, too, on a formidable scale.

IN HASTE another revolution seems to be imminent. The black republic fails to prosper, and it is impossible to resist the conclusion that much sympathy has been wasted on a people who are slow to learn the arts of civilization and the science of free government.

DOWN AND OUT.—With the Belknap fiasco, Gen. Babcock relinquished his position as private secretary to the President, and "stepped down and out." It was about time to unload.

THE Senate adopted a resolution to have printed 13,000 of each of the eulogies on Andrew Johnson.

A CHICAGO dispatch says that the rumor of Potter Palmer's failure is a canard.

DISCOUNT ON SILVER.—We notice that several of our exchanges are urging the adoption of some rule in relation to paying out and receiving silver. They represent that silver being at a discount, the proper course is to receive and pay out silver at whatever may be the quoted rates. It is held that to pay out greenbacks at more than the selling rate is dishonorable, and that the same rule ought to apply in the case of silver coin. At Walla Walla we have not as yet heard any complaint on this score, but should the plan of discounting silver be adopted at San Francisco and Portland, it will be necessary for our business men to follow suit.

It is rumored that a strong opposition in the steamship line, will soon be in operation on the route from San Francisco to Puget Sound, via Victoria, and that passengers will be tickled through by that route to Oregon at very low rates.

THE STATESMAN OFFICE has an assortment of HAND-BILLS on short notice and at low prices. Mr. White still prevails in this locality, a number of adults being down with the disease.

Table with market prices for various commodities like Flour, Wheat, Corn, etc.

LETTER LIST. List of names and addresses for correspondence.

MEMORIAL. A notice regarding a memorial or petition.

DEATH. A notice of a death and funeral arrangements.

DEATH. Another notice of a death.

RAILROAD COMPANY. Advertisement for a railroad service.

RATES ON DOWN FREIGHT. Table of freight rates for various goods.

RATES ON UP FREIGHT. Table of freight rates for various goods.

DOWN SPECIAL RATES. Information about special freight rates.

PASSENGER RATES. Table of passenger fares.

DISTRICT COURT SUMMONS. Legal notice regarding a court case.

THE PEOPLE of the United States of the Territory of Idaho... Legal notice.

THE said action is brought to obtain a decree of this Court... Legal notice.

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