

From George Wilks' Spirit of the Times. The Campaign Opened.—The Case as it seems to be fully opened. Six weeks ago, everything in relation to it was in a dim nebulous condition, and the lines of one vast figure kept crawling through the sluggish mist, as if none of the clouds on the horizon were being seriously turned. But I have never yet been convinced that these remarkable phenomena originated from the interposition of spirits outside of the human body.

The Reform School. From the report of the Superintendent of this institution it appears that there are now in confinement 238 boys, 216 of them being within the age of sixteen years. From ten to sixteen years, the average being thirteen years and three months. The number admitted during the year was seventy-three, the number discharged ninety-seven. They are employed in the various departments of the institution, including the agricultural, manual, and mental occupations.

The Michigan Argus. ANN ARBOR. FRIDAY MORNING, DEC. 29 1871. SECRETARY FISH is reported as advising General SCHENCK that he was at perfect liberty to invest in a mining company or any other stocks or property, and that such investment furnished no grounds for criticism by anybody. "The liberty" is no over-throwing of questioning, as no interpretation of international or any other law or custom would require a man to sell houses or lands or stocks to qualify him to enter the diplomatic service of the country. But owning stocks is a very different thing from engaging in the sale of such stocks in the country to which he is accredited, and the promulgation of Gen. SCHENCK's name with official title, as a director of the "Emma Mining Company—Limited" was neither more nor less than an attempt to use his official position to sell stocks that without being aided by his name and title would have been a fraud on the market.

A L. SORTS OF PARAGRAPHS. —Remembering the old adage: "As I speak louder than words," we prefer to wait and watch before taking it for granted that Grant really means civil service reform by endorsing the report of Curtis Medill & Co., and promising to put their plan in operation. Morton, Conkling, Chandler & Co. may have something to say. Besides, the plan is not the most practicable and gives the President no new power or fixes no binding restraints.

The Atlantic Monthly, though not a political publication, is yet interestingly Republican, and seldom if ever slips an opportunity to disparage the Democratic party. Still giving a pin just there following from the January number is not without point: "Neither the Cincinnati Commercial, nor the Chicago Tribune, nor the Springfield Republican, nor the New York Herald, would be displeased if General Grant failed in securing a renomination. There are many reasons, too, why Gen. Grant's continuance in office would be regretted by other people. As a rule, military men are not the sturdy, manly, good statesmen for an military and commercial society. For the most part they entertain a professional contempt for law, even when they avow their loyalty to it. Of this peculiarity Grant's administration has given us at least one singular illustration. Declaring himself firmly opposed to intervention in the affairs of foreign nations, he has for some time past manifested a pro-terrestrial bias in favor of the chief sources of the wealth of this country. It is to be found in the mines of California. His system of appointments has been unimpeachable. Appointments such as Mr. Murphy's and Consul-General Butler are not to be questioned, because commissions have been issued to them, but the same man who appointed Mr. Murphy and Consul-General Butler should also have appointed Mr. Fish and Judge Hoar. It is inexplicable. Besides all this, he has shown a singular want of delicacy, to say the least, in receiving innumerable presents, and indirectly forcing himself on the attention of business men, in a commercial enterprise is one thing, but to own stock in a corporation, and to be asked to take up shares in the management of the administration of a city, by such a scandalous man, it is to be expected. We could copy similar paragraphs almost without number from the leading literary publications, monthlies and weeklies, all of which go to show that there is in the best informed circles a strong under-current of feeling that Gen. Grant is not a fit President, and that he ought not to be re-elected. And if these writers had not a superstitious dread of ghosts they would drop the now meaningless and insane cry of "copperhead," and aid the Democratic party in defeating him.

AN ARBOR, THURSDAY, DEC. 28. AFFLES.—50c per lb, with little demand. BUTTER.—Trade is good, 20c to 25c being paid for roll. BUTTER.—Commands 10c per lb, with a tendency upward rather than otherwise. CORN.—Brings 6c per bu. CRACKED.—Dressed 10c. EGGS.—In good demand at 21c. HAY.—40c per ton, according to quality. LARD.—The market stands at 75c. OATS.—35c. POTATOES.—Bring readily 40c. PORK.—In dressed hogs the market is not so lively as last week but the prices are better, 4 1/2 being paid. TURKEYS.—80c. WHEAT.—The market is not very active. White wheat quote at \$1.50 1/2 per bu, and red \$1.50 1/4.

MARRIED. In the Congregational Church in this City, on Wednesday evening, December 27th, by Rev. H. L. Hubbell, EUGENE F. COOLEY and KATE TAYLOR. NEW ADVERTISEMENTS. HAPPY NEW YEAR. THE B. S. B. CLUB. MASQUERADE BALL. HANGSTER'S HALL, Monday Evening, January 1st, 1872. VICK'S FLORAL GUIDE FOR 1872. ORDER YOUR BLANKS, BILL HEADS, CARDS, CIRCULARS, LETTER HEADS, LAW BRIEFS, PROGRAMMES, AT THE ARGUS OFFICE.

General Hoffman and the Interviewers. When the indefatigable and irrepressible reporters of the metropolitan press contented themselves with interviewing the Republican leaders, or such high-born youths as Alexis and Prince Fred, the their heads of the school during the past year. We have tested them and found them a delusion, indeed a humbug. Ears they have, but so long as to hear what is not said; eyes, but so sharp as to see what does not exist. Thus the Boston Herald's article, which began with the name of ex-Governor Seymour to a letter recommending Greeley for the Presidency. Now, we know that the ex-Governor has abandoned his political prejudices against the sage of Chappaqua, but there are heretofore in the name which he has not so readily forgiven. He regards the theory of soil-ploughing enunciated in "What I Know About Farming," as a kind of low comedy intended to tickle the ears of the groundlings.

LET NO ONE any more pronounce Detroit as an old fogy or non-progressive city. Its "Park meeting" on Wednesday has driven the last nail in the coffin of that slander. Old fogies couldn't get up such a success, "no how." Two meetings and a Circuit Court in session in doors, and in one room, and a supplementary meeting out o' doors. One vote for Park and the other votes say, and each claims to be the meeting. The "noise and confusion" Gen. CASS experienced at Cleveland wasn't a priming to that heard and seen at the City Hall on the aforesaid occasion above referred to.

TOledo, Ohio, Dec. 24. The gale yesterday and last night was one of the most severe ever experienced in this locality. Telegraph poles were prostrated in all directions and considerable damage done to roofs, chimneys, etc. The spire of the first Baptist Church fell down, falling upon a partially crumpled chimney, and not without inflicting an adjoining dwelling, but without injuring any of the inmates.

AN Important Work. Judge Cooley, of our Supreme Court, has received a very flattering compliment to his learning, ability and industry, in a joint application from the family of Chief-Justice Story and the publishers of the recent edition of the published work on the subject of "The Constitution," to edit a new edition of that Commentary. The last (third) edition of this book appeared just before the rebellion broke out, and has since been the subject of the nullification troubles, and between the two but little had occurred to bring new questions into the domain of Federal Constitutional law. Now, however, the state of things is different. The latest amendments have been passed, and have forwarded many new and very serious practical questions, which Judge Story could not possibly have anticipated, but which now require examination and decision of judicial decision. Others must be examined and presented in the light only of fundamental principles. At a moderate estimate, there are a thousand judicial decisions to be examined, sifted and made up into the subject of Federal Constitutional law. The subject of Federal Constitutional law. The subject of Federal Constitutional law.

GOVERNOR HOFFMAN. In the midst of the campaign, it is not surprising that the name of Governor Hoffman has been mentioned with approval by many of our able and patriotic citizens. It is not surprising that the name of Governor Hoffman has been mentioned with approval by many of our able and patriotic citizens.

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How pleasant you feel to ring the bell at the door of some formal acquaintance...

Again, on calling at another house you are shown into the drawing-room...

Finally Mrs. H. is called. You wish you could leave the house...

The Stolen Pass. An editor in Harrisburg lost his pass on the railroad...

What Potatoes Take from the Soil. We all have observed the great deterioration in our potato crops...

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THE CIRCUIT COURT for the county of Washtenaw, In Chancery.

MARSH L. PAVEY, Defendant. It is respectfully appearing to this Court by the return of Mary Pavey...

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