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The rumor that Ben Bunker's Democrat is to turn over to the Republicans may be true; but Heaven forbid.

The Kennebec Journal records that Chief Justice Peters, who happened to be at Augusta during the Democratic convention, finds himself minus his sheaf of silk hats. This is nothing to the plight of Chairman Brown, who finds himself minus his head.

The trial of Thomas B. Kerr, in New York City, is one of the famous "boodle" cases. Kerr is alleged to have bribed Alderman Fulphur, and District Attorney Fellows is to try to prove it. This is the first appearance of Fellows in these cases and his course will be watched with interest.

The disposal of the Hon. Simon S. Brown from the Democratic State committee was regarded as a hopeful sign that the Democratic party of Maine had begun a much-needed purification. But his nomination for Congress in the Third district seems to indicate that the Chairman has not yet entirely lost his grip on the party. As his defeat is certain, however, perhaps this is only a way of "letting him down easy," and preventing him from knifing the State ticket.

The Hon. William M. Root, the leader and champion of the "personal liberty" movement, must be disappointed in the way the Democratic convention sat down on his license resolution. It will probably serve to teach him, however, that prohibition is much more strongly respected, and that the glowing prediction of one of the enthusiastic orators of the Personal Liberty club of Belfast that Maine would have a license law within a few years is not likely to be realized.

Among other things the children in the New York public schools are to be taught patriotism. Many of them being the children of parents foreign-born and foreign in everything else but their places of residence, it has become evident that the children must learn patriotism at school if they learn it anywhere. On the occasion of the presentation of two handsome silk tags to the pupils of one of the girls' grammar schools the other day, the display of patriotism was such as to attract the attention of the teachers. These tags were given to the pupils, and the girls were to wear them, with streamers of red, white and blue. And when the exercises began, children of English, French, Italian, German, Scotch and Italian parents all waved the American flag and sang the Star-Spangled Banner with a will and fervor. Patriotism, by the way, ought to be in the hearts of all Americans, while many of the girls had their hair, which hung down their backs, tied with streamers of red, white and blue. And when the exercises began, children of English, French, Italian, German, Scotch and Italian parents all waved the American flag and sang the Star-Spangled Banner with a will and fervor. Patriotism, by the way, ought to be in the hearts of all Americans, while many of the girls had their hair, which hung down their backs, tied with streamers of red, white and blue.

The Democratic State convention endorsed the Mills bill, the fishery treaty and the kind of civil service reform we have been getting under the reign of President Cleveland. The Mills bill strikes an exceedingly damaging blow to all of Maine's most important industries. The farmer who proposes to put in competition with Maine of superior stock the lumberman whose business even so good a Democratic paper as the Bangor Commercial has admitted would be practically destroyed by it, the owner of a sawmill, and, in our granite quarries, the line burners of Rockland; the pulp manufacturers who have built mills in many villages in the State that are giving remunerative employment to hundreds of laboring men; the cotton and woolen manufacturers all cry out against and denounce the bill, but the Democratic party of Maine in convention assembled approve it as a measure to relieve the people of unnecessary taxation. So far as Maine is concerned its title might better be an act to relieve the people of Maine of superfluous cash and give a good many hundreds of them an opportunity to take a vacation that they do not want. Yet the convention expressed great regard for the laboring man and solicited lest the extravagance of the Republican administrations might so burden the taxpayer as to paralyze the industrial efforts of our people.

The fishery treaty recently negotiated under the auspices of the administration of Mr. Cleveland has not proved acceptable to a single Maine fisherman, be he Democrat or Republican, from Quoddy Head to Kittery Point. Yet the Democratic party in convention assembled endorses it as a wise and beneficent measure. It is a practical surrender of all the points we have contended for, yet to the vision of the Maine Democracy it appears to be a triumphant vindication of our rights.

The civil service reform that Governor Cleveland's administration, what little there was of it, long since disappeared from view. Yet the Democratic declare that Mr. Cleveland's administration has effected a "practical reform" of the civil service. If a practical reform of the civil service means a clean sweep of Republicans and a substitution of Democratic workers, then the administration has effected a practical reform of the civil service. This is doubtless what the convention meant and that is why they praised it. Had the alleged reform been a genuine reform, that is to say, had President Cleveland regarded public office as a public trust, as he once declared he was going to do, and filled the offices with men selected for their competency instead of for their party service no word of praise would have been accorded it by a Maine Democratic convention.

The three leading points of the Democratic platform are, therefore, first, approval of the Mills bill, which will practically cripple our most important industry; second, approval of the fishery treaty, a measure which is denounced by every member of the industry directly affected by it; third, approval of Mr. Cleveland's "practical reform of the civil service" which is nothing but a spoils system covered over with a thin veneer of hypocrisy. The Democracy asks the people of Maine to endorse these opinions by voting for the Hon. William L. Putnam for Governor of the State. The people of Maine, both Republicans and Democrats have great respect for Mr. Putnam, but they don't approve of the platform on which the convention has placed him—not by a large majority.

CURRENT COMMENT.

A MISTAKE. (New York Press.)

If any Maine Republican kept Uncle Hannibal Hamlin out of their State Convention they made a mistake. There isn't a grander American than he.

DOES NOT WORK BOTH WAYS. (N. Y. Sun.)

William Gore, who was bitten by a rattlesnake at Fort Lee a week ago, and has been dosed with whiskey ever since, will be out of the hospital in a few days. Moral: You can be bitten by snakes and cured by whiskey, but you can't be bitten by whiskey and cured by snakes.

HANNIBAL HAMLIN AND THE BANGOR CACOPHONY.

It is said that "politicians make strange bed-fellows," and one is never surprised at any new developments in the political world, when ward politicians refuse to allow Hannibal Hamlin to attend a convention of Republicans in Maine unless he will agree not to talk in said convention. It would seem as though things were being turned up-side-down quite rapidly. If any living man is entitled to be called the father of the Republican party in our own State it is Mr. Hamlin. Such a performance as the Bangor one cannot help reacting against those who are responsible for it.

BALLOT REFORM IN NEW YORK. (New York Tribune.)

Governor Hill is to give a hearing on Friday upon the Ballot Reform bill. It is to be hoped that there will be an effort to demonstrate to him the strong feeling in favor of the measure among the honest and intelligent men of both parties. It must be admitted that if the Governor chooses to be governed by the sentiment of the mob as expressed in killing the bill, most of the Democratic members of the Legislature voted against it, and the recent Democratic State Convention vehemently denounced it. Yet it is sustained by public opinion to an extraordinary degree, and Governor Hill ought to know

that if he is to run for Governor it would be useful to him to have some creditable action to which he could "point with pride," as a claim to popular confidence. He would make the Democratic politicians angry by signing the bill, but they would support him anyway, if he should be nominated, and he might win some other votes by showing that he had respected popular sentiment in the matter.

AN HONOR TO THE STATE. (Kennebec Journal.)

The speech which Hon. Thomas B. Reed made in the House of Representatives on the Mills bill, Saturday last, was received by his associates in a manner that did him honor and is a strong indication of his force and distinguished merits. It is a clear, logical and most admirable statement of the Protection side of the question in the great debate now going on in the Nation, and a most incisive and conclusive refutation of the theories fallacies and practical absurdities of Free Trade. It riddled through and through the measure inspired by Cleveland, drawn chiefly by the Parsee, merchant, and presented by the Texas Democrat, and sweeps away the chief defenses which the Bourbon politics and the agents of British interests have sought to throw around it. As an intellectual effort thoroughly imbued with American sentiment and packed with American ideas of political economy, the speech is worthy of Mr. Reed's high reputation and does honor to the State he represents. We trust it will receive a wide circulation as a campaign document.

FINANCIAL. (Philadelphia Times (Dem.))

The frothy prelude having been disposed of, the well-developed corn of Mr. Reed rose above the great sweep of upturned faces on the Republican side. Having uttered the Parliamentary salutation to the chair, he began his able and eloquently-diversified argument on the Protection side of the pending question—the reduction of the revenue. Mr. Reed is a man of fine physique, the best of his former oratorical efforts, but was the ablest of the entire round on the Republican side of the question. During the speech there was frequent applause. When Mr. Reed sat down there were cheers and ringing of hands. His colleagues gathered around him to extend their congratulations.

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Blue Black Dress Suits for Gentlemen, cut Sack and Four Button Frocks, made and trimmed first-class. Everybody knows that about \$18.00 and \$20.00, the price of these goods for a 6000 ARTICLE, and this has been our price. Now offered at only

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Cold weather or rain will not prevent people from coming to our store in large numbers with such goods and prices.

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I have now ready for inspection, the largest stock of Fine Carriages ever seen in Maine, all of my own manufacture. These are offered at the Lowest Prices for STRICTLY HON. EST WORK. Also constantly on hand a large stock of the work of other builders at prices lower than the lowest. Old Carriages taken in exchange for New, and Second-Hand Carriages constantly on hand.

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MISCELLANEOUS.

New Shirred Seersuckers, in dark colors, only 8 cts. per yard; sold recently for 15 cts.

New Cream Scrims for 8 cts. A few Scrim Curtains, 3 yards long, only 95 cts. per pair; in fancy colors.

Black Silks and Faille Francaise, extra good quality for the prices, namely, \$1.00, \$1.25, \$1.50, \$1.75, \$2.00 and \$2.50.

Thirteen shades of Colored Faille Francaise; part of these entirely new shades; price \$1.25 per yard. New Parasols from \$1.00 to \$5.00.

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We commence our

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in every department, to be

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Something cheap will be offered every day, and our store should be crowded.

WEDNESDAY,

we call attention to the following:

10 pieces All Wool Camel's Hair in Light Brown, at 75c

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100 Combination Dresses at Reduced Prices

100 pieces All Wool Dress Goods, 38 inches wide, at 25c

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Domestic Department.

French Satines at 35c per yard

ANDERSON GINGHAMS.

10 pieces Fancy Ginghams, at 12 1-2c

100 Embroidered Chambray Robes at \$3.00 each

200 pieces Cocheo Prints at 7c

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GRAND

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT!

SPECIAL MARK DOWN

Clearance Sale!

STOCK MUST BE REDUCED.

Our purchases have been heavier than the season demanded, and if a DECIDED MARK DOWN IN PRICES, coupled with the FINEST SELECTION OF GOODS EVER OFFERED IN THE CITY, is any object to the shrewd, careful buyer NOW IS YOUR OPPORTUNITY. Remember we have no cheap, Shoddy goods. Our

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is full of thousands upon thousands of yards of the latest productions of the best looms in the country. THIS WEEK, MONDAY MORNING TO SATURDAY NIGHT, you can find more GENUINE BARGAINS on our CARPET FLOOR than in any other House in the country.

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Lot 1, Roxbury Tapestry Carpets, 70 cts. per yard.

Lot 2, Sanford's " 47 1-2 cts. "

Lot 3, Sanford's " 60 cts. "

Lot 4, Fine Body Brussels " 80 cts. "

Lot 5, Lowell " 1.00 "

Lot 6, Bigelow Body " 1.00 "

Lot 7, All Wool Ingrain " 50 cts. "

Lot 8, All Wool 3 ply " 70 cts. "

Lot 9, Cotton and Wool " 34 cts. "

Lot 10, Cotton and Cotton and Wool Carpets, 20 cts. "

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If you want your pick. Tuesday will probably find the best of these goods gone. THE ABOVE PRICES WILL SPEAK FOR THEMSELVES. DELAYS ARE DANGEROUS.

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A Grand Concert will be

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City Hall, Thursday Evening, May 24.

The talent will be Five Blind Boys from the Perkins Institute for the Blind at South Boston, with Mr. Ryan, as accompanist.

Tickets and Reserved seats can be secured at Portland's.

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Friday Evening, May 25,

The Domestic Play,

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100 Nights in New York City, and a Success from Ocean to Ocean.

Saturday Evening, May 26,

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THE CORNER GROCERY.

Laughter from Start to Finish.

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Prices 75, 50 and 35 cents. Sale of seats commences Wednesday.

PROPOSALS.

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Tenders endorsed "Fender for Stores" and addressed to the undersigned, must be received by the Superintendent at the Hospital, not later than THURSDAY, May 31.

The Committee reserves the right to reject any or all proposals.

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