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and could give various worthy reasons, constitutional, theological, and chronological, why we should not let the Republican statesmen, on the one hand, burn with interest in "the color man," and was willing to make any sacrifice for his elevation and protection. Both statesmen have been about equally ignorant or indifferent with regard to most other matters of national concern. On the Republican side, the result has been the exaltation into the rank of political guides and prophets of a large number of persons with entirely slender political equipment. In fact, almost anybody who, between 1850 and 1860, made speeches showing the black men ought not to be enslaved has since 1860 held himself competent to take charge of the Treasury, revise the tariff, draw up a code of laws, command the army or navy, rule a conquered province. The Democrats have been saved from the charge of folly by their weakness, but, interested in the higher and more complex questions of government, in commerce, taxation, jurisprudence, the distribution of powers and modes of appointment, prisons, schools, public health, has weighed itself out among them. No Republican black has indulged in a piece of folly without finding a Democrat to back him or emulate him, and many of the ablest and highest of the brains of old anti-slavery actors have found a ready acceptance in Democratic circles. Does the election which has just occurred indicate that we have reached the end of this perhaps necessary suppression of the higher political intelligence, and that we are now to witness a renewal between parties of the old rivalry in the art of uniting liberty with order and progress? Let us hope that it does.

One of the largest, if not the largest real estate transactions of the last year has just taken place in Kansas. A tract of 100,000 acres of land, extending fifty miles, between the Cottonwood and Arkansas rivers, and about 100 miles long, has just been sold to a colony of Russian Mennonites, who arrived this country in September. The colony will number 2,000 persons.

the city of Rahway \$149,000, for less than \$100,000, and what is this sum, taken in connection with what it will produce or effect in the wealth, beauty and healthfulness of our city?—Are mere bagatelles, or less than 2½ per cent. on the assessed value of the property of this city.

If there are those who object to the issuing of bonds for this much-needed improvement, then let the money be raised by a direct tax, which, as I have above stated, would amount to less than 2½ per cent.

I have written in this matter with as much freedom as I could feel, and, I trust, that I feel strongly the urgent necessity of the case, and sincerely trust that I have put it in such a shape as to call the attention of your numerous readers to a consideration of the matter which I am certain will result in their favoring the views which have herein been expressed by

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An Interesting Letter

We have the privilege of publishing the following letter from Mr. A. J. Mitchell to a friend in this city. It will be found interesting from the fact that it gives some experiences in the life of a shepherd on the plains:

ELKHARTON, COL. Oct. 29, 74.

DEAR DOCTOR: You must forgive my seeming neglect in not replying to your last, but I have been so busy in getting my ranch under way that I have hardly had time to write to you. I am now fairly embarked in the sheep raising business, and I readily begin to feel like an old patriarch. I am now the owner of a flock of 350 fine sheep, which, if nothing out of the common course happens, will about double next spring, and on *ad infinitum*, so that in a few years we shall have quite a family around us. I bought a ranch of some 300 acres, with stable, corral and a comfortable log house water, &c. There we have an unlimited range for sheep on Union River, and I intend to regard the use of the land, let us suppose that on the west a range of blue bluffs, rocky and pierced with deep gorges, (the home of the wolf and bear,) about the height of the Plattefield mountains, and on the slope

Rossini and Nezzeri.

The history of Nezzeri is curious. Originally one of the lazaroni or beggars of the quay Santa Lucia, Rossini chanced one day to enter into conversation with him, and being struck by his intelligence and originality of character, invited him to come and see him at his hotel. To this benevolent invitation the lagoon responded with the best grace. He went once and was invited to repeat his visit. He did so, and Rossini was so delighted with him that he offered to take him into his service. Upon this the poor fellow, raised as he was between his fingers with the air of a man who did not like to say no, but would rather do almost anything for the world than say yes. Overwhelmed by his embarrassment the maestro asked him if he felt hurt at his proposal.

"Not in the least," replied the beggar of Santa Lucia: "on the contrary, I feel honored by it, but still I do not make like the idea of making myself a lagoon, you know."

"Can you have upon better and if I cannot, this little without work, why should I work for it?"

"But are you not ashamed to begin your livelihood by begging? Have you no wish to change this mode of existence for a better?"

"Ah, if I could have my wish, sir, no! I should not remain a beggar long. But I won't do become as you went even to a great maestro like Rossini."

"What would you become, then, prince or cardinal?"

"No; I would enter a theater and become a great singer."

"With a salary of five hundred ducats?" asked Rossini, laughing heartily at the apparent ridiculousness of the idea. "Well, and what easier? You talk nothing but wishes and talent."

"There I differ with you, great maestro. I do so, do Zimbarani and Garibaldi."

"What do you sing then?" cried Rossini, astonished beyond bounds at so much assurance. "If so, open your mouth and let me hear you," and he seated himself at the piano in order to accompany him.

"What shall I sing?" asked the lagoon with the utmost nonchalance.

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George Washington—first in war, first in peace, and last in getting a monument.—*N. Y. Republican.*

The judges have worn all sorts of flowers and fruit on their hats, and now they have a turn up the side.

And now the Rev. J. T. Morley, of Albany, N. Y., has been elected to the office of Moderator of the General Assembly.

Time up your eyes, Victoria!—Victoria has another grandson.—*Boston Herald.*

A Mission editor's name is W. Adams. His paper, says our acquaintance, isn't a *N. Y. Journal*.

No wonder the Democratic campaign. It was loaded in 1860, and it hasn't been fired since.—*Brooklyn Democrat.*

Agents are still asking for and for "grasshopper stickers." All grasshoppers are suffering after eating the Minnesota grasshopper, we hear only for "Minnesota stickers."

The discovery by a French scientist that an insect makes its home in the middle of cigars causes but little alarm. Lovers of the weed are determined to smoke it out.

In a Chicago library a book on "Self Culture" never got a reader. The librarian has it rechristened it, "A Young Man on the Mark," and anxious readers have waited for it before they could find it.

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