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CURRENT TOPICS.

The National Liberal League met at Cincinnati on the 14th, for the purpose of forming a new party. About 300 delegates were present, representing nearly every State in the Union.

The Massachusetts Butler Democrats, so called, held a State Convention at Worcester on the 17th and nominated the following ticket of State officers: For Governor, Benjamin F. Butler;

The British troops have captured King Cetewayo. INDIAN AGENT MERRILL, at the White River (Colo.) Agency reports that the Ute Indians have revolted, burned the farm buildings, and declared they will do no more farming.

The monthly crop report of the Department of Agriculture shows a heavy decline in cotton during August, the general average being 85 against 91 for the month previous.

The celebration of the quarter-centennial of the settlement of Kansas, held at Bismarck Grove on the 15th and 16th, was a grand success, fully 20,000 people being present.

THE DISTRESS among the laboring classes throughout Great Britain is becoming a matter of great national concern. The Mayor of Middleburgh writes to the Home Secretary: "Trade has not revived here, and great distress in the district has so seriously affected those who previously subscribed to relief funds that our local resources are not to be depended upon."

JEFFERSON DAVIS has written a letter to the editor of the Brookhaven (Miss.) Ledger, in reply to the question whether he would permit his name to go before the next Legislature as a candidate for United States Senator.

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LATE NEWS ITEMS.

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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

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NEW YORK DEMOCRATIC PLATFORM.

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SOME MISTAKES OF SHERMAN.

The facts that have been brought to light in regard to Secretary Sherman's favoritism to one of the New York banks cannot be denied or explained away.

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COOKING BY STEAM.

A stove has been invented by a New York man to be used in connection with the Holly steam-heating apparatus.

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THE PERUVIAN NATIVES.

A Bolivian paper has the following account of the council of war held by the Carapiche Indians of Peru, when it was decided to help against the Chileans.

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