

other to its journalistic enterprises and if possible ferret out the guilty parties, and to this end dispatched a special and capable representative to the scene of the tragedy. His report occurs in that paper of the 6th instant and occupies over eleven columns. It is noteworthy that the special messenger was none other than John C. Klein, who figured strikingly and prominently in connection with the late Samoan troubles, and whose blood the Germans not only demanded but counted on for a while.

The correspondent made Little Rock his base of operations, and opened his campaign by ascertaining the drift of sentiment among the people at large regarding the tragedy. He says the honest Democrats, as well as Republicans, deprecated the dastardly deed, notwithstanding which there was a disposition shown by the latter to make political capital of it, the charge that those who committed the crime were presumably Democrats being worked industriously and for much more than it was worth. "An honest and upright man," says Klein, "a Christian gentleman, the father of six motherless children, and a being who bore no enmity toward his fellow men, was brutally murdered by some wretches who unfortunately belonged to the Democratic party; but to hold the Democratic leaders of Arkansas, who so strongly condemn his cruel taking-off, responsible for the senseless and indefensible act of some of the scum of which both the Democratic and Republican parties have their share, is unfair and unmanly; to charge them virtually with being accessories before the fact is monstrous."

It is noteworthy, in this connection, that an interview with Powell Clayton, the victim's brother, once a United States Senator and a noted politician, developed the fact that he held the Democrats as a party blameless, but charged them with the responsibility of a condition of things which made such deeds and the safety of the perpetrators possible. There would seem to be more political bitterness and personal sorrow than calm and reasoning judgment in such a conclusion.

The correspondent met a Democrat who gave him some valuable and interesting facts about Conway County. The man had lived in Arkansas for twenty years, and, notwithstanding his partisan zeal, did not believe it should be carried to the point of condoning all offenses

committed by a few misguided men. He scouted the idea of a justification in the fact that Democrats were enraged to the point of violence because of political outrages alleged to have been committed in the State by Republicans, and showed conclusively that it was the work of irresponsible men in Plummerville, who kill Democrats and Republicans indiscriminately whenever a real or fancied grievance arises. "Were my identity revealed in connection with this conversation," said the man, "I would be assassinated on the first night that I passed in Plummerville, because the men who killed John M. Clayton would kill me as quickly, if not quicker, for talking this way." This would seem to locate the perpetrators so far as the positive evidence of one man indirectly corroborated by several others and by striking circumstances may do it; but dragging out to the light of day the guilty men themselves seems as impossible a performance now as before the searching investigation of Mr. Klein was made. He is somewhat mystified at his own deductions, but is confident the crime rests, if not on Plummerville, at least on Conway County, and he admonishes the residents of it that the world holds them responsible, saying, in that connection, "All the people of England are not responsible for the mistreatment of Ireland, nor are the people of Russia for the oppression of Poland, but in the eyes of the world they are responsible."

The theory of another of the murdered man's brothers, Judge W. H. H. Clayton, that his brother was sent hence by the direct agency of ex-Governor Simeon P. Hughes, whose object was to make a Republican county Democratic, reads strangely in connection with the conclusion of Mr. Klein, who charges the crime upon the county. If it is naturally a Republican county, the Judge, being a Republican, would seem to have perpetrated a solecism. Looked at from any light, it is a dark, mysterious, deplorable affair.

THE NEW STARS ON THE FLAG.

THERE will be eight and may be ten new Senators in the Congress which theoretically came into existence on the fourth of March last; but as none of the new States, with the possible exception of South Dakota, will have more than one member of the House of Representatives, the importance of this occasion will

not be so marked, unless, indeed, the Democrats should carry them all, in which event that party would have a clear majority in the lower branch.

This is not only improvable but next to impossible. Both the Dakotas are strongly Republican and have been so from the first, and as they owe their admission more to that party than to any other, it is out of the question that they change their party predilections at this stage of the proceedings. The other two Territories whose vassalage is to be laid aside and the robes of independent Statehood put on, are Montana and Washington, both of which may fairly be classed as doubtful. At the last election, for members of the Constitutional Convention, the former went Democratic by a small majority, having a short time previously gone Republican for Delegate to Congress by more than 5000; in the case of the latter, it also went Republican at the same time Montana did, after having previously gone the other way in two successive Delegate elections. Two sure Republican States and two where the best tactics and the best men will win, would therefore seem to be a fair summary of the situation.

It is announced by apparent authority that Colonel Brice, the new chairman of the Democratic committee, is intent upon capturing all of the new commonwealths, the pronounced and ponderous Republican majorities in two of them notwithstanding. The "plan of campaign" is the exclusion of brass bands, flags and all manner of demonstrative procedure and the adoption of the Tildenese system of "still hunting." A trusted and thoroughly capable agent will be stationed in each Territory, who will carefully survey the field and report to headquarters from time to time the most recent aspect of things and suggest what may be required, and of course their reports will be acted upon promptly and fully.

A meeting of the Democratic National Committee was recently held, at which the question of campaigning the four Territories or concentrating all efforts on bringing the two doubtful ones into line, was thoroughly discussed. There were wide differences of opinion; but Col. Brice favored the general campaign idea, claiming that by so doing they would keep the Republicans busy in the two Dakotas and prevent the massing of reinforcements in the