

THE ROANOKE NEWS

THURSDAY JUNE 15, 1893.

LEWIS E. PARSONS, United States attorney for the northern district of Alabama, whose successor was appointed by President Cleveland three weeks ago, will, it is said, decline to surrender his office at present. Parsons, it is reported, has written a letter to President Cleveland claiming that the President has no authority under the tenure of office act to remove him, and that he cannot be forced out before his commission expires, except by impeachment. It is astonishing how tenaciously Republicans in many instances desire to serve a Democratic administration, which according to leading Republican lights is sending the country to ruin.

SECRETARY HOKE SMITH is still giving close attention to the irregularities in the pension bureau. He intends to ascertain the number of pensions improperly allowed under order number 164, which Commissioner Raum issued and he revoked. A board of revision consisting of especially men has been organized to draw from the admitted files as rapidly as may be practicable all cases allowed under section 2 of the act of June 27, 1890, aggregating over 300,000, and to determine whether the allowances are in accordance with law. The board will act under the immediate supervision and direction of Commissioner Lochren, who will give proper instructions as needed.

WHILE the two New York factions were wondering and declaring what Mr. Cleveland would do in regard to appointments in that State the President quietly appointed Mr. Charles W. Dayton postmaster of New York city. Mr. Dayton was not an applicant for the position and was as much surprised as anyone else at his appointment. He is a Tammany Democrat, having become a member of that organization about two years ago. He was opposed to Mr. Cleveland's nomination, as many other good Democrats were, but after his nomination he supported him warmly and worked hard for his election. Probably neither faction would have selected Mr. Dayton had the choice been given to either of them, but everyone, regardless of faction, testifies to his personal worth and ability.

THE Washington Post gives an amusing instance of the mistakes which sometimes happen in dispensing the offices. It says:

"The lucky man in person came here last fall and the object of his coming was to secure a berth under the Harrison administration. He had been in the city but a few weeks when the blow fell and the triumphant Democracy owned the earth and the offices thereof. It was a long way home and railroad fare is high, but he was not disheartened. He took a room in the suburbs, foreswore sack, lived cleanly and transferred his affections to the on-coming Clevelanders. Patience is a great thing and virtue is its own reward. He has a paying place in the government service which he will fill for four years. If at the end of that time the wheel of fortune has turned and Republicanism is once more on top, he will point to his ardent partisanship of last fall and endeavor to maintain his grip."

THE Federal court has decided that the World's Fair cannot be opened on Sundays. The decision rests on the act of Congress of April 29th, 1890, which is construed as investing the General Government with possessory control of the Exposition grounds.

The act provides in the first place for the holding of the Exposition, then provides for a board of commissioners and authorizes them to accept such site as may be selected and offered on certain conditions. The grounds, it is held, were tendered to the government by the local authorities and the tender being accepted on the one side and the required amount of capital stock being raised on the other, which the court holds constitutes a complete trade and puts the government in absolute occupation of the grounds.

It is held as to the souvenir appropriation that Congress had a right to couple it with a condition, and that this right was recognized by the acceptance of the money, and also that all rules and regulations fixed by the local directory are subject to modification by the national commissioners.

This decision is not in line with that of the State courts, but it will have to stand, as the United States was not a party to the proceedings in the latter. Notice of appeal has been given and the case will be heard by the Supreme Court at a day to be set by the court. In the mean time the gates of the Exposition grounds will be opened on Sundays.

THE St. Louis Globe-Democrat is a Republican newspaper and a stalwart of the stalwarts, but it is fair minded nevertheless, in some things. In a recent issue it says:

"The Globe-Democrat declines to join the ignoble army of partisan pirates who are trying to make political capital for the Republican party out of the present financial stringency because it occurs under a Democratic administration. We yield to none in our dislike of Democracy and Democratic presidents, but just at present if we had to choose between two successive Democratic presidents and one financial panic we would take the Democratic president. We can all recover, in time and by fumigation, from a Democratic president, but a financial crash would leave behind it much distress from which there would be no recovery. Let us all stand together as good citizens, and by hoping for the best do much to bring the best about."

THE Trustees of the University have created a new department for the purpose of investigation and studying the science and history of education, and also of training young men to be teachers. The new department is intended to accomplish for teaching the same purposes that are accomplished for the professions of law, medicine, etc., by other departments. We are glad to see this step taken, because success in teaching is as important and requires as much care and preparation as other professions. Professor E. A. Alderman, of the State Normal and Industrial School for Girls, has been put in charge of this normal department of the University. A better selection could not have been made. A native of the State, he is one of the most progressive and accomplished educators in the South, and he will make his department a success. By this step the University increases its usefulness and puts itself more nearly in touch with the common school system of the State, of which it was the intention of its founders that it should be the head.

GOVERNOR MCKINLEY was nominated last week for a second term by the convention adheres to the Republican convention of Ohio without opposition. The platform adopted by the convention adheres to the Republican policy of granting pensions, and condemns the unjust and unfriendly policy of the Democrats in dealing with the old soldiers. This means, if it means anything, the Republicans favor fraudulent pensions fraudulently obtained and fraudulently paid, because they are the only kind of pensions which the Democrats are unfriendly. The platform also opposes the repeal the ten per cent. tax on State banks of issue, preferring, it seems, the national banking system, which has shown its insecurity by many failures during the past six months. The convention endorsed the the McKinley high tariff bill as "the best exemplification of the principle of protection and reciprocity that has found expression in the statutes," and favors amendments thereto in the further interest of protection.

PRESIDENT CLEVELAND last week informed a representative of the United Press that he intended to call an extra session of Congress not earlier than the first nor later than the fifteenth of September, unless unexpected contingencies should necessitate an earlier meeting. The President further said:

"While there has no mystery nor secrecy in regard to my intentions in this matter, I think it not amiss that the time is at hand when their Representatives in Congress will be called upon to deal with a financial condition which is the only menace to the country's welfare and prosperity. It is well for the people to take up the subject for themselves and arrive at their own conclusions as to the merits of the financial policy which obliges us to purchase silver bullion with gold taken from our reserve. One does not need the eye of a financier to see that this gold thus subtracted from government stock is eagerly seized by other nations for the purpose of strengthening their own credit at our expense."

"It does not need the art of a statesman to detect the danger that awaits upon the continuance of this operation. Already the timidity of capital is painfully apparent and none of us can fail to see that the fear and apprehension in monetary circles will ultimately bring suffering to every humble home in our land."

This state of things which Mr. Cleveland deplores as being fraught with danger is brought about by the effect of the Sherman silver law, which virtually requires the government to purchase silver and pay for it in gold.

In views of what Hood's Sarsaparilla has done for others, is it not reasonable that it will also be of benefit to you?

THE Virginia Populists will have a ticket in the field this year, and for the purpose of nominating it have called a State convention to meet at Lynchburg on August 3rd. This is just two weeks before the Democratic convention will meet at Richmond for the same purpose. The basis of representation in the People's party convention will be one delegate and alternate from each precinct.

These matters were determined at a meeting of the State committee held at Richmond last week. The committee held two long sessions and discussions and discussed the political situation in the State quite freely. The executive committee reported an address to the Virginia voters which was adopted and will be submitted to the State convention as a basis for the party's platform. The paper is quite long and declares in favor of free coinage of silver, equalization of taxation, and the repeal of the Anderson-McCormick electoral law. The People's party is said to be organized in twenty-four counties, partially organized in twenty more, and claimers in ninety-six of the one hundred counties in the State. The present indications are that the Republicans will not put out a ticket this fall.

THE MISCHIEF MAKER.

In nearly every community in Christendom, and perhaps it is the same in heathen countries, there is a little busy-body, known in common parlance, as the mischief-maker. If he ever had a conscience it has been scared by a hot iron, or in some other manner, reduced to insensibility. The only way he handles truth is to compound one grain of it with one hundred and fifty grains of exaggeration. Most frequently, however, he ignores truth altogether and relies upon a distorted and wicked imagination to construct his fabrication. His feet are swift to run on missions of evil and to sow discord among brethren and friends. His eyes are always open and his ears are attentive to everything that he can, by perversion or otherwise use to the disadvantage of his fellow man. His chief delight is in concocting stories that will cause a sensation in society or a fuss between individuals. If he finds that two persons are not on good terms he is in his glory. He is ready to fan the flame and widen the breach. He knows they are already too far at variance with each other to get together and talk matters over in a reasonable, amicable spirit, and he imagines that no matter how ridiculous and unfounded his yarns may be, they will, under the circumstances, have great weight. He cares not if the tenderest family ties are sundered, or the warmest friendships broken. He is callous and perfectly indifferent as to results. His missions is strife, and whatever will aid him in accomplishing his mission, must be brought into requisition. He chuckles with delight over the history of the past as it reveals to him the fact that his brother mischief makers have caused murders and a numberless calamities in the world by their secret whisperings and backbiting tongues. Is it not strange that any man can find pleasure in such work? But no one who has been at all observant can deny the fact that many such are walking up and down the earth, and that multitudes of the tragedies and evils that afflict mankind emanate from the characters. With the facts before him, it behooves every good citizen to believe no statement that he may hear made about his fellowman, without first throwing aside all prejudice, and making the most thorough and painstaking investigation.—Wilson Mirror.

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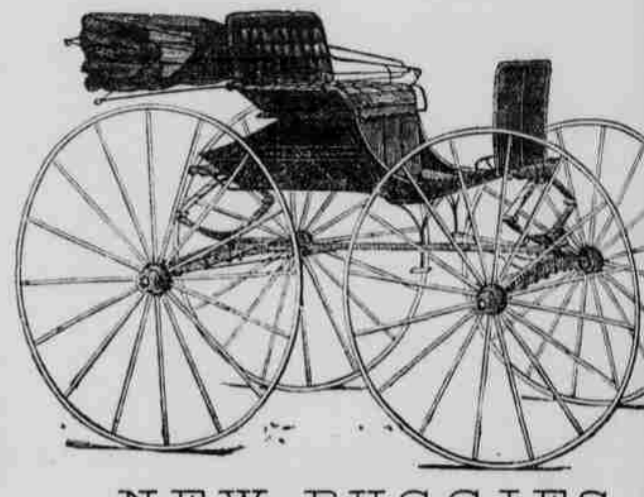
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