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administration at Washington was corrupt and venal and we have not felt at liberty to refrain from giving expression to the fact, whenever opportunity offered or occasion demanded. In fact, its head, Mr. Hayes, is a political bastard, bern of the most degrading political adultery which ever disgraced the country. He. may not be to blame fer the acts which gave him a sort of quasi legitimacy, but he is to blame, knowing all the facts, for rebbing the only and rightful heir of his legal heritage. His position is one that, while he cannot be deprived of the emoluments and dignities pertaining to the Presidency, no person with a keen some of personal honor and manly dignity could occupy for a moment,

With a chief holding position by such an inglorious tenure, it could hardly be expected that his, immediate advisors principal subordinates would be remarkable for a [sensitive and high regard for honor, nor such as would prove likely to remove the stains from a foul escutcheon. The bar sinister is not calculated to gather to its society the highest moral attr.butes, and the fact has been abundantly proven by the class of advisors Mr. Hayes has been able to collect to himself. There is but little po litical honesty in the entire cabinet, and now we have the fact brought to light that one of the precious lot is holding his position in the most direct and emphatic violation of one of the most mandatory laws enacted to govern in such cases. Mr. John Sherman, Secretary of the Treasury, is the man, and the law violated is that which declares that the Secretary of the Treasury shall not engage in "carrying on the business of trade or commerce.' It was this express law which prevented the late A. T. Stewart from occupying, the same position, when it was tendered of a railroad corporation, which is a business of "trade or commerce," within the meaning of the law, and makes him amenable for its violation. The punishment for a violation of the law is a fine of \$3,000 and a disqualification from ever again holding any office under the government of the United States. By the strict letter and spirit of the law, every position from pestmaster of a cross-roads postoffice to the Presidency is barred against him.

It is hardly to be expected, in view of the fact that with the present administration rescality is considered as a virtue to be rewarded by official trust and paid for from the public crib, Mr. Sherman will be arraigned before any judicial tribunal for the grave offense with which he stands charged, or receive punishment the risk of which he has incurred, and which he so richly deserves. It is not in the nature of the administration, nor would it be in keeping with all its previous history, to do any such thing. On the contrary, by a parity of ressoning, it will prove a magnificent Pegasus upon which to mount and, ride for the goal of his aspirations, the Presidency. Surely if, as has been proven the case with the present administration, rascality is creditable and should be encouraged, John Sherman deserves the highest premium. Where all are either dishonorable or dishouset, he certainly deserves, not the highest honor, but the most marked dis-

WASHINGTON LETTER.

WA' HINGTON, D. C. Nov. 21, 1879. I am enabled to say with almost Congress convenes a bill will be introduced incorporating a company for the purpose of constructing the interoceanic canal on what is known as the Nicer gua route. Ex-President Grant will be one of the corporators, and will upon the organization of the corporation be made its President, and on that event several leading European capitalists will subscribe liberally to of dollars.

Indian Commissioner Hoyt desires to send the Ute Indians to the Indian Territory. On the other hand there is and will be during the next en close stamp for reply. Special attention session of Congress and longer if necessary, a powerful effort to epen that Territory to general settlement. Commissioner Hoy,'s proposition will have the support of Secretary Schurz whatever that support may be worth in a Congress which does not contain in donen friends of the Secretary and also of Mr Hayes, whatever that may be worth. After all, there will be no war in

every one of the judges is a radical Republican, there is little doubt that Davis, Republican candidate for Governor, will be "adjudicated" into office. Governor Garcaion is 1 ot a man to be intimidated by any show of Governors, Senators, or m mbers of a Legislature, but he is a man of quietness and has a due regard for the

It was noticed by all at the recent grand celebration in this city, in honor of the Union General Ceorge H Themas, the volunteer companies in attendance were all from Virginia and Maryland. Not one of the ext a 'loy-We have long known that the present al" States supplied a uniform on the occasion. The statue of the General, as is well known is a gift to the country from the S ciety of the Army of the Cumberland. The proceedings concluded last night with a ball in the rotunda of the Capital. In more agreeable weather, and with more time for preparation, the place would be an exc llent one. As it was, people proball wore as heartily last nig t as Harac | 1 es ey did at the ball given in the Treasury building on Grant's first inauguration. But on the whole this annual gathering of veterans has been a great success.

The Mexican Veterans, so many of whom were here at the Thomas celebration, will hold their next annual meeting at Norfolk, Va., in February next. The meeting, it is believed, will be the largest held for years, and special efforts will be made to induce Congress to provide for pensioning all those who served in the war with

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-Marathon Independent. A London journal predicts that the near future will witness the success of | 13 cents per week. the flying machine, and, referring to the members of the acconautical society says: 'Let it be hoped that when those days come men will not forget to innocent soul, this will be the very time they will forget to whom they owe so much. A man who owes an. him by President Grant, Mr. Sherman is, other ten thousand or so will strap and has continued to be, a director on his flying-machine and soar to parts unknown, forgetting all about and steadily increasing subscripthe man to whom he owes so much.-Norristown Herald.

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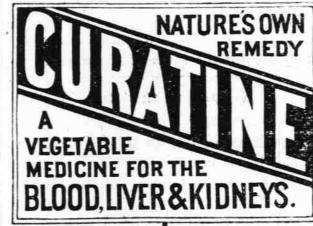
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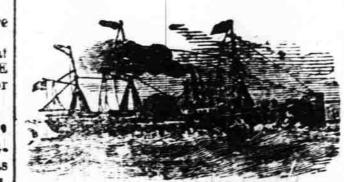
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