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"Free from the dotting scruples that fetter our free-born reason."

INFLUENTIAL RULES. We cannot notice anonymous communications...

OBSERVATIONS.

If you would know the value of money go and try to borrow some.—Franklin.

A Reynoldsville man is so pug-nosed that he can't blow it without blowing off his hat.

There is a man in Tennessee with such big feet that, if he gets them wet in December, he doesn't have a cold in his head until February.

One reason why the world is not reformed is because every man is bent on reforming others, and never thinks of reforming himself.

It isn't Chinese cheap labor that is going to ruin us; it's the disposition to lean up against the sunny side of the fence, and let some other fellow speed the plow.

"Bridget, I told you to let me have my hot water the first thing in the morning."

Mr T J Mackey is getting tedious. If he would sit down quietly and enumerate himself he might discover that he only counts one.—New York Tribune.

A Tennessee took his first and last ride on a railroad train recently. He stepped off when it was going forty miles an hour, supposing that such was the custom, and was fatally injured.

Many fashionable women now wear sour milk as ornaments. That is to say, a Yankee in Mansfield, Conn., is making a great quantity of sour milk into an imitation of coral for jewelry. The fluid is colored red into moulds, and solidified by heat.

LET THERE BE NO COMPROMISE.

A cloud of uneasiness and gloom has been hanging over the people ever since the seventh day of last November, and that cloud seems about as dark and threatening now as it did when it first gathered upon the horizon; and it has darkened every door and thrown black shadows across the paths of every enterprise and industry in the land.

Hayes had it in his power to lift the storm clouds from our heads and he gave every promise honorable to man, and sacred to Christianity, that he would do it; but now the whole American people have lost faith and confidence in his manhood and pretensions.

We earnestly hope that Louisiana will not even consider a compromise, for no man or party has ever yet gained anything by a compromise of their rights.

In regard to the letter Mr Hayes has written Chamberlain and Hampton urging their presence in Washington to consult about the affairs of South Carolina, we sincerely trust that Hampton will not heed it.

South Carolina and Louisiana, we can begin to see the cloven foot. Having got fairly into his seat through frauds which would make Oliver Cromwell blush were he alive, he finds that he is compelled to carry out such a policy as is demanded by the machine politicians.

We do hope that the people of South Carolina and Louisiana will stand firm. Their day of deliverance comes apace. If they do not secure their rights and privileges through Mr. Hayes, and his administration, it will come through the righteous indignation of an American people who will shortly measure out justice and constitutional equity.

The dispatches yesterday clearly indicate that Mr. Hayes is weakening, but the strength of the people is gaining every day. Hayes was allowed to usurp the presidency rather than go through the horror of civil war.

LET THE PEOPLE READ AND JUDGE FOR THEMSELVES.

As considerable uneasiness and distrust has been occasioned policy holders, by the failure of numerous Life and Fire Insurance companies, the Legislature of New York has determined, in a measure, to take the matter in hand and ascertain the probable causes of the failures, expose the management of the companies to the public, and thus protect and guard the interests of the people.

For the benefit of all who have taken policies, and all who are contemplating such a step, we publish below the testimony as given by the officers of two of the largest Life Insurance companies in New York, and the United States, in order that they may have an insight into the management of such companies. It will be seen, at once, that the principal part of the proceeds goes into the pockets of the officers (whose name is legion) in the way of salaries, &c.

The following is the statement of the salaries paid for the year 1856: President.....\$30,000 Vice-President..... 18,000 Second Vice-President..... 12,400 Secretary..... 8,000 Assistant Secretary..... 5,100 Actuary..... 15,000 First Assistant Actuary..... 7,000 Second Assistant Actuary..... 7,800 Two Medical Examiners, each, 9,600 Solicitor and counsel..... 14,400 One hundred and ten clerks and other employees..... 191,463 To medical examiners outside the city there was paid \$38,596.81, and to attorneys and counsellors throughout the country, \$17,715.

H B Hyde, President of the Equitable, was then examined and read a statement giving the reasons why that company had not before replied to Mr. Ely's resolutions, which were in the main similar to those of the Mutual—too busy undergoing examination, closing up the year's business, &c.

Table with columns for position and salary. Includes President (\$37,500), Vice-President (\$22,000), Secretary (\$16,500), etc.

Attorneys in New York for litigated business, advice and incidental disbursements..... 9 949 19 To 83 other law firms in different parts of the United States..... 13 346 10 Total.....\$35 236 29

The cross-amination developed the fact that Mr Hyde's salary, though small at first, had been increased from year to year until for the eighteen years he has been connected with the company his salary has averaged \$29,217. This has been done by an arrangement with the company in the event of success. Mr Hyde appeared to be a willing witness, and told freely of how his salary had been increased from time to time and of the commission arrangements by which he had managed to further swell it.

AN EXTRA SESSION OF CONGRESS.

An extra session of Congress has been called to meet on the 4th of next June. The object of the call is obvious it is to induce Congress to make an appropriation for the maintenance and support of the army. The last House passed an appropriation bill, but the Senate refused to vote for it, and thereby defeated its operation.

A motion has been made by the holders of the bonds of Memphis, Tenn., to throw the city into the hands of a Receiver. This is a novel idea to us; we have often heard of receivers being appointed for railroads, banks, and other corporations, but never before heard of an entire city being suggested as the proper subject for the hands of a receiver.

Despotic Government.

Never before in our life have we felt any wish for despotic government; we do verily believe in the bottom of our wicked heart, that if a veritable despot—an immovable and relentless despot—should be placed in the White House, we would cheerfully support him.

We would rejoice in him, and we would swear by him, and we would fight for him, if he would just crush out the humbuggery in law, in politics, in all that is not true and honest.

There is a necessity for an Autocrat in the United States at this time! and we would be rather see Hayes the Autocrat if he had any sense, than Hayes the imbecile, which he is proving himself to be.

A GRAVE WITHOUT A MONUMENT.—The sea is the largest of cemeteries, and all its slumberers sleep without a monument. All other graveyards in all lands show some symbols of distinction between the great and the small, the rich and the poor, but in that great ocean cemetery the king and the clown, the prince and the peasant, are alike undistinguished.

It was a Danville man who took a sensible view of the matter. He returned to his room at the Arlington and found his friend walking the floor in perfect despair. "What in the world is the matter?" he asked.

Prohibition Law. An Act to Prohibit the Sale of Liquors in Certain Localities.

The General Assembly of North Carolina do enact, That it shall be unlawful for any person or persons to sell, or directly or indirectly to receive any compensation for any spirituous liquors, within three-fourths of a mile of Island Ford, Smith's River, Rockingham county; or within one mile of Tray's Mill Academy, in Wilkes county; Yadkin Court House, King's Mountain High School, in Cleveland county; Wesley Chapel, in Iredell county; Court House in Rutherford county; Rutherford county; or within one and one-half miles of Zion Baptist, Oak Hill, Mountain Grove or Linville Methodist, Quaker Meadow Presbyterian churches in Burke county; Shady Grove, Centre, Elbanville or Fulton churches, in Davie county; Beulah church, in Cleveland county; or within two miles of Providence Methodist or Zion Baptist church, in McHenry county; Graham, Alamance county; Hickory Grove church and Johnston Academy, in Johnston county; Rehoboth church, in Union county; Franklin, in Macon county; Friendship Baptist church, in Yadkin county; Union or Morrison churches, in Macon county; Hester's, Enon and Mount Zion churches, in Granville county; Love Grove church, in Stanly county; Cedar Grove, Mount Olivet and Harrisburg Depot, Cabarrus county; Mount Zion church, in Mecklenburg county; Back Creek and Yellow Mountain churches, in Jackson county; Bethlehem, Point Caswell, Riley's Creek and Topsis churches, or Leesburg, in Pender county; Mount Hermon, Cedar Fork, Salem, Carey and Morrisville churches, in Wake county; Bethel Methodist church, in Union county; Zion Baptist church and Wayman's chapel, in Halifax county; the school house at Mooresville and Prospect church, in Iredell county; Brown's Chapel church, in Chatham county; Concord church, in Brunswick county; Germantown Methodist church, in Stokes county; Smith Grove, cemetery of the M. E. Church in Davie county; Newfund Baptist church, in Buncombe county; M. E. Church, in Davie county; Providence church, in Robeson county; Donaldson Academy, in Cumberland county; and Valley Town church in Cherokee county; or within 2 1/2 miles of New Hope church, in Robeson county; Clarkson Academy, in Bladen county; Casher's Valley M. E. Church, Hamburg, Savannah and Scott's Creek Baptist churches, in Jackson county; and McKendrie's Chapel and Mount Zion Church, in Iredell county; and Bettsan Church, in Bladen county; nor within three miles of Lawrence Church, in Edgecombe county; Primitive or Free Will Baptist at Elm Grove churches, Yellow's Chapel, St. John's Episcopal Church and Adams' school house, in Pitt county; Lebanon Presbyterian Church or Union Chapel, in Robeson county; Roundtree Church, in Pitt county; Rose of Sharon, Edward's Chapel, Cobb's Mills and Bethel churches, in Lenoir county; Bladen Union Church, in Bladen county; New Zion and Green Springs, in Anson county; Ebenezer Church, in Wake county; Arlington and Philadelphia churches, in Mecklenburg county; Union Academy and Cedar Creek Church, in Anson county; Macedonia Baptist Church, in Columbus county; Gain Creek Church, in Mitchell county; Danbury, in Stokes county; Ionia church, in Robeson county; Mount Pleasant church, in Bladen county; Cartledge's Creek and Holly Grove churches, in Richmond county; M. E. church, St. Mark's Evangelical Lutheran church, Missionary Church, in Columbus county; and churches at Gold Hill, in Rowan county; Stradley's Chapel and Berlin churches, in Buncombe county; or within three and one-half miles of Springfield church, in Guilford county; or within four miles of Pleasant Grove church, Robeson county; or within five miles of Cherokee or Graham Court House, and within the county of Dare.

head in the snow. There was a peal of laughter from the house as the door shut, and the watcher on the horse-block chuckled and remarked: "That heartless laugh was not uttered by a woman who loves—I'm hunky!"

A Novel Bridal Chamber.

We have all heard of the rustic bride who wandered away to a wooded nook where, sheltered by the foliage of the trees and shrubs, she arrayed herself in her bridal robes, using the waters of the brook for her mirror. We have heard too, of the back woods' bride who, scaling a ladder to the loft of the one room log cabin, adjusted her dead five fixings in which to meet her betrothed, and we have all heard of the finely apparelled and luxuriously furnished boudoirs in which wealthy brides are dressed in robes of miraculous fineness and exquisite delicacy.

It is no easy thing to break up in middle age bad habits that have been formed in youth. When a horse contracts the habit of balking, he generally retains it through his life. He will often perform well enough until the wheels get into a deep hole, and then he stops and holds back. Just so it is with the boys who contract bad habits. They will sometimes leave off their bad tricks, and do well enough until they get into a tight place, and then they return to the old habit.

A young lady, when invited to partake of the pudding, replied: "No thanks, my dear madam, by no manner of means. I have already indulged the clamorous calls of a craving appetite, until the manifest sense of internal fullness admonishes my stay; my deficiency is entirely and satisfactorily satisfied."

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