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Oscar, the aesthete, is a cigarette young-man.

Oscar Wilde is being the aesthetic in Philadelphia slush about this time.

Gov. Long, of Massachusetts, favors trying the experiment of woman suffrage.

New Orleans wants to celebrate the two-hundredth anniversary of the discovery of the mouth of the Mississippi.

J. C. Pike, a prominent merchant of Orangeburg, S. C., has failed. His liabilities are \$100,000, and his assets \$175,700.

Lieut. Gov. James L. Robinson, of Macon, has his fame secured. A brick block in Durham has been called after him.

There is \$41,712,000 worth of property belonging to churches and charitable institutions in Boston exempt from taxation.

The new capital building at Albany, N. Y., which was to have cost \$5,000,000, has already cost three times that sum and is not yet near finished.

The men in Central, N. Y., who were drafted into the army by the government, and paid money for substitutes, are now organizing to make an effort to get the money back.

The Atlanta Constitution says there is a haggard appearance about the new political movement in that State; that it evidently started without a sufficient supply of wind.

The foreign shipments direct from Wilmington, N. C., are rapidly increasing. Thursday and Friday the shipments aggregated in value \$145,500, whilst on Saturday last five vessels cleared for foreign ports with cargoes aggregating \$129,053 in value.

H. W. Beecher said in a recent sermon: "My friends, you and I are now no better than many men who are now wearing striped jackets and breaking stones at Sing Sing." We don't know whether the striped jacket gentlemen will consider this a compliment or not.

The small-pox is giving trouble to the authorities in Kentucky. A man sentenced to be hanged at Lexington has it. The governor says he must be hanged on time and the officers whose duty it is to do the hanging are afraid of cultivating such familiarity with the small-pox, and would rather let the man die of old age.

Atlanta, Ga., marked another step in its progress last Friday by the opening of its first elevator. The first grain was lifted in the presence of a large number of business men. The elevator has a capacity of 210,000 bushels, is a private enterprise, and is only the forerunner of others on a more extensive scale.

Gov. Lowry, of Mississippi, in his recent inaugural message declared that the president or managers of a successful factory ought to be more highly appreciated by the people of the South than any public functionary in the land." The New Orleans Times pronounces Gov. Lowry's utterances "noble words, and fairly representative of the ideas that thrill the heart of the new South."

The Mobile (Ala.) Register says: "While we approve of the feeling against polygamy in Utah manifested in Congress, we can not but reflect that Washington is in some respects about as bad as Salt Lake City." And within a stone's throw of the Capitol are dens of iniquity, to the support of which honorable Senators and honorable Representatives largely contribute, to which nothing in the city of Saints can hold a light.

An exchange says: "A poor mechanic from Canada was paid a \$50 bill by mistake for a \$1 bill by a storekeeper at Grandy, Mass. He hastened home, resolved to keep the money; but within a week he returned, gave up all except what he had spent for cash fares, and promised to pay up the remainder as soon as he could. His experience with his conscience, he said, had been unpleasant." Now, if this man had been a government officer, a bank president or cashier, and got away with \$100,000 or so, his conscience might not have given him half so much trouble.

A NORTHERN VIEW OF IT.

The following is clipped from the Philadelphia Times, a paper independent in politics and as fairly disposed towards the South as any paper published North of the Potomac:

"There seems to be a decided movement in progress in North Carolina to take that State out of the Democratic column. There is good material to work upon, and if the proper course is pursued the effort would doubtless meet with success. It cannot be done, however, on any such dishonest issue as that which Mahone has used to advantage in Virginia, nor can it be done if the people of the State have any reason to suppose that a departure from the control of the Democracy means a return to the plundering and disgraceful regime of the carpet-bagger. What the people of the South want, if they want anything different from what they have, is an independent and honest administration of all their affairs, local and State, and this a majority of them are undoubtedly willing to vote for, regardless of party. There is no section of the country where party affiliations are of less real consequence, or where the party lash is less exercised than in the South. The people have no affection for the Democracy as a party, and they found themselves marshaled under the Democratic flag after the war only because it was necessary to drive out the plundering carpet-bag crowd which was ruining what little of the South had come through the war. The time will come when the South will not be solid, as it now is, for Democratic candidates, but that time will be hastened by the appearance of a old-time carpet-bag and disreputable and trading politicians at the head of the movement."

There is some truth in the above, and some error, error arising however from a misapprehension of the political status in the South and a misconception of the movement to which it refers. It is true, perhaps, that in some sections of the South the people have no very great affection for the Democratic party, and that remark is unquestionably true of certain sections of this State where, before the war, the Whig party largely predominated, and the antipathy to the Democratic party was strong. But whatever the feeling against the Democratic party may have been in those days, and whatever latent feeling of dislike may yet linger, these people know that they are indebted to the Democratic party for their redemption from Radical misrule and oppression, and until the Democratic party has demonstrated that it is unworthy of their confidence they will continue to stand by it and sustain it. The Democratic party has as yet done nothing to forfeit that confidence, nothing to justify the inauguration of the hostile independent move alluded to in the above extract. There have been, it is true, dissensions to a greater or less extent, arising not from any short comings in the party itself, but from the contests of rival aspirants, backed by adhering factions. If anything perils its continuance in power it will arise from any other cause, for while there are matters of policy about which there may be differences of opinion, they are not such that the differences are irreconcilable. Cool-headed and judicious management can adjust all such matters as that and keep the ranks solid.

CONGRESSIONAL.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

The Mississippi River Improvement in the House—In the Senate Brown Discusses Currency and Morgan the Sherman Bill.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 10.—HOUSE.—The House proceeded as the regular business of the morning hour, to the call of committees for reports.

Stephen A. Hays, from the coinage committee, made a report on the subject of metric coin. Recommended and ordered printed.

Wills, of Kentucky, offered a resolution calling on the President for information as to the execution of section 1753 of the Revised Statutes, for the promotion of the efficiency of the civil service, and whether the sum of \$15,000 appropriated for that purpose is sufficient for the purpose.

After the transaction of some unimportant business, the House resumed the consideration of the report of the committee on the Mississippi River, which increase in membership of certain committees. The pending question was on Mr. Orth's substitute for the appointment of a board to select the committees.

After a long discussion the question of the bill was put to the House, and Mr. Orth's substitute was ruled out of order by a vote of 163 to 74.

Mr. King, of Louisiana, offered an amendment relating to the committee on the improvement of the Mississippi River, providing that it shall have the same privilege in reporting appropriations for improvement of that river as the committee on general appropriations.

Mr. Dunn, of Arkansas, offered the amendment that the House report of improving the Mississippi river belonged to the committee on commerce.

Mr. Thomas, of Illinois, advocated the amendment, and said there was no reason why the committee on commerce should have charge of the question unless the object was to make appropriations for the Mississippi, carry through the House the river and harbor appropriation bill.

He asserted that the commerce of the Mississippi was 25 times greater than the whole foreign commerce of the United States, and by the projected improvements transportation would be cheapened 33 per cent.

Thompson, of Kentucky, opposed the amendment. Mr. Springer, of Illinois, advocated the amendment and appealed to Eastern members to object to it.

Turner, of Kentucky, also advocated the amendment, and suggested that the committee should have jurisdiction of the Ohio and other navigable tributaries of the Mississippi.

After some further discussion in which Kenna, Turner, Dues, Howe and Willard participated, the subject went over for the day without action, and the House, at 4:20, adjourned.

SENATE.—A communication was received from the Secretary of the Treasury in response to a resolution passed as to the present rates of duties imposed by France, Germany and Mexico upon American manufactures.

Numerous petitions for a commission to investigate the liquor traffic were presented. Davis, of Illinois, from the committee on the judiciary, reported back favorably the bill to permit Ward Hunt, an associate justice of the Supreme Court, to resign.

He gave notice that he would ask its consideration to-morrow. Cameron, of Pennsylvania, from the committee on naval affairs, reported a resolution for the extension of the committee of the new system of naval defense invented by Capt. J. Errierson, and reported thereon. Adopted.

A number of bills of relief in individual cases were presented. Mr. Blair offered a resolution instructing the committee on public lands to inquire into the administration of the land laws. Adopted.

The report of the morning hour was occupied by Mr. Brown in remarks upon the currency question. His text being his resolution declaring the expediency of contracting the currency by the withdrawal of silver certificates or the discontinuance of silver coinage.

At 2:25 Mr. Brown concluded and his resolution went over without action. The Senate then resumed the consideration of the Sherman funding bill.

Mr. Morgan opposed the bill. He said he was entirely satisfied of the ability of the government to pay \$550,000,000 of the Window continued bonds in eleven years without drawing one cent from the surplus revenues, or present figures in illustration. He also gave figures showing the respective totals of appropriations necessary to extinguish the whole debt in 5, 20 and 30 equal installments. The vote in favor of this surplus to extinguish the debt at the rate of \$100,000,000 per annum.

Commenting upon the avowal which he said had been made by some Senators in the discussion of the payment of part of the public debt, and thus continuing the debt indefinitely in order to perpetuate the national banking system, he spoke of the incurrence of the debt which having been created in a moment of folly was now making its weight upon the government felt. He referred to the exclusiveness of the system of financing the government by the bonds of the government, to the franchise enjoyed by the banks by reason of their circulation being founded upon the credit and strength of the government and to their apparent intentions to continue business as usual.

He then suggested as a means of avoiding the continuance of this system independently of the government, that the government should cease paying interest on the circulation held by it for the redemption of circulation and further substitutions in their stead from time to time of the State bonds of undoubted security as collateral, or that the interest should be paid on the dollar, or at any percentage low enough to make the security absolutely safe.

On the conclusion of Mr. Morgan's remarks the funding bill was informally laid aside until to-morrow. Bills were introduced by Mr. George to encourage agriculture and manufactures. It proposes to repeal all duties that import raw material or machinery for the manufacture of cotton or woolen goods, or goods composed of hemp or jute; also on all tools of mechanics which are used solely in manual labor; also on all agricultural implements and tools on cotton ties.

By Mr. Terry relative to the compensation of letter carriers. Messages from the President were received transmitting for the consideration of Congress a number of communications from the Secretary of the Interior.

The Senate at 3:50 went into executive session, and after a few minutes devoted to referring the nominations received to-day. Adjourned until to-morrow.

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THE PLEA FOR LIFE.

SCOVILLE CONTINUES HIS ARGUMENT BEFORE THE JURY.

He Charges the Moral Guilt of the Assassination Upon the Stairway Leaders Who now want to Make a Scapegoat of His Poor, Insane Child—The Denunciation of Conkling and Arthur Creates a Sensation in Court and Excites Many Warm Congratulations.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 10.—Mr. Scoville resumed his argument to-day, taking up and discussing the statistics of insane criminals which had been introduced in evidence by the prosecution and claimed that this evidence was of the greatest benefit to the defense.

Discussing the horror of crime as often shown in the acts of insane criminals, Scoville said there was nothing in this act to compare with some of the crimes of insane criminals, and gentlemen of the jury, in my opinion if there were not reasons and powerful ones back of this prosecution this prisoner never would have been brought to trial, but I tell you gentlemen of the jury that back of the prosecution is influence which I have felt and which you may feel, gentlemen, before this trial is ended.

There are politicians who seek to hide their own shame behind the disgrace of the poor prisoner and make him a scapegoat for their crime. I did not intend, gentlemen of the jury, to take up this feature of the case, but when I find the power and the influence that are arrayed against me in denying me the small pitance that I have asked, a fair and impartial trial, and the small facilities needed for a proper defense; I do not propose to keep silent, I say, that such a man as Grant, Conkling and Arthur are morally and intellectually responsible for this crime. Conkling shall not escape, shall not shirk the responsibility of the crime that led to this trial. He shall not escape the condemnation of the American people if I can help it, for his share in the disgraceful struggle for office that led to a conflict with the chosen ruler of this great nation and the disgrace that has come to compass what they would have hailed with satisfaction, and as would probably hundreds of other politicians, if it could occur other than through assassination, the removal of President Garfield who stood in the way of their unrighteous and disgraceful struggle for office. Neither shall Grant escape that condemnation to which he is justly subjected, who, coming from Mexico, and coming with undue haste, he threw his own name into a petty quarrel about a small office in the Republican party and sought to foment the differences that had sprung up. I am not going to see the misdeeds of these men high in office visited upon the head of this poor insane man if I can help it. This clamor for his blood is for the purpose of saving Grant, Conkling, or of satisfying justice; but their theory is this: If it can be shown that this was the act of a sane man then these politicians in high places will say of course we are not responsible for the act of a sane man. To be sure we had some differences, but then it could never have led a sane man to do such an act. But, on the contrary, gentlemen of the jury, what is the effect of your verdict upon the sane man? Why, the people will say some one is at fault; they will say we will fix the blame upon the heads and hearts of those men who waged war upon our poor, mad president until the nation was divided, and the people were being daily what Grant says, what Conkling says, and from constantly thinking upon it, to his insane act of killing the president, and these men in the United States, the really culpable ones, will go down to posterity with a stigma upon their names and the detestation of their countrymen fastened upon their memories.

Mr. Scoville's denunciation of Conkling and Arthur created a profound sensation in the court room. As soon as the recess was announced Mr. Scoville was surrounded by ladies and gentlemen and congratulated for his "fearless exposition." One gentleman exclaimed, "That's the correct sentiment, and four-fifths of the American people are behind you on that."

The recess hour was enlivened by several heated discussions in the corridors and upon the outside on the general question of the moral and intellectual responsibility as set forth by Mr. Scoville.

During the recess Mr. Scoville received the following telegram: New York, January 10.—Mr. Scoville, Attorney for Guiteau: The New York court of appeals has just decided that the prosecution, where some evidence of insanity is produced for the defense, must make out a case of sanity beyond reasonable doubt.

Counsel for the defense will call attention to this decision and ask Judge Cox to charge the jury to that effect.

In resuming his argument Mr. Scoville called attention to the fact that the actions of the prisoner at the time of the shooting and immediately afterward were entirely in keeping with the theory of insanity, and to prove this he quoted the testimony of a number of witnesses for the prosecution who he said could not be charged with bias in favor of the prisoner.

Mr. Scoville then continued his review of the evidence and pointed out the errors in the evidence which he went to show insanity, or at least the lack of something in his mental composition which other men possessed.

Mr. Scoville continued to speak until 8 o'clock when the court adjourned until to-morrow.

The defense will probably occupy the greater part of another day.

Accidental Death from Chloroform. PETERSBURG, Va., Jan. 10.—Mrs. B. M. Nicholson, a highly respectable lady of Chesterfield county, died yesterday from inhaling chloroform while seeking relief from neuralgia.

Met and Adjourned. ALBANY, Jan. 10.—The Assembly met this morning, but without taking a ballot for speaker, a motion to adjourn till to-morrow was made and carried by a vote of 61 to 57.

LOWN'S SENATORS. DES MOINES, IOWA, Jan. 10.—Both houses of the Legislature reassembled yesterday. Wilson was elected United States Senator for the long term, McCall for the short term.

Destructive Fire in Pittsburgh. A fierce fire is raging in the lower part of the City Hall yard, and Stieritz's foundry, a three story iron building 250 feet by 500 feet, has been burned. The fire is now making great headway on ten three story tenement houses owned by the Wood estate.

The Weather. South Atlantic.—Area of light rains, and partly cloudy weather, winds mostly from the South, falling barometer, stationary or slight rise in temperature.

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