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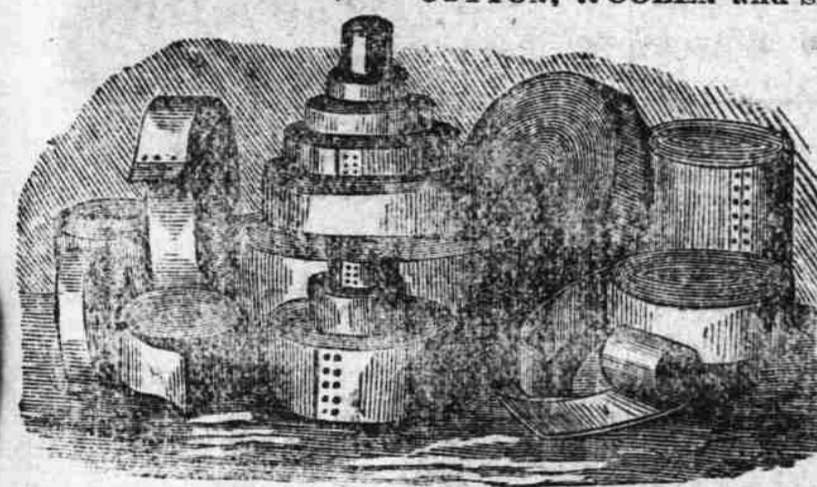
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SOCIAL LIFE AT WASHINGTON

The Influence the Democratic Administration will Have Upon It.

Wash. Cor. N. Y. Star.

The return of the Democratic party to power is nowhere felt so sensibly as here, where the Democratic administrations of Pearce, Buchanan and Johnston are so agreeably remembered by many of its citizens. Before General Grant's administration this city enjoyed an exceptional freedom from the element of shoddy that was so prevalent at the close of the war in all parts of the country, and which afterwards became a conspicuous feature in the years of Republican rule. The Democratic administrations of the past brought with them little of that wealth which asserts itself in display, possibly unavoidable at times to some extent, but which is nevertheless unpleasant and oppressive.

The advent of General Grant and the enormous expenditures which have made Washington the beautiful city it is, created a new element of social life, which was at first aggressive and intolerant. Gaudy display in houses, equipages, entertainments and costumes spoke very plainly of newly acquired wealth, and left memories of those days far from agreeable and robbed the city of that quiet refinement which was its characteristic. The old residents withdrew within their own immediate circles, unable and unwilling to contend with those who assumed the leadership of social life. They regarded these new forms of life as innovations and resisted, until resistance was in vain, the great improvements demanded by the elements of progress in their midst. One by one the old landmarks, which made the city distinctive, were obliterated.

No mention of this age of improvement can be made without the name of the one man whose expansive mind and iron will aided so greatly in producing these results. Alexander R. Shepherd exhumed the plans of General Washington from the archives where for more than half a century they had slept, and comprehending the magnitude of the work necessary to vindicate the foresight of the first President and his friend and engineer, Colonel L'Infant, at once proceeded to carry them out. A few years ago he left Washington without a dollar, to commence life over again in a foreign land. A new order of things ruled, and amid the lavish expenditure necessitated by these vast improvements, display and some vulgarity was inevitable, but out of it all grew the material prosperity and the beauty of a grand city.

The return of the Democratic party to power will bring with it different associations entirely, and social life here will soon feel their influence. The cabinet and other officials of an administration give tone, and in a great measure, direct and control the movements of the society, and as none of them are recognized as among the wealthy of the land, we may not look for that lavish display which has characterized the social life of those who, if not millionaires, lived as such. The modest but elegant homes of the members of the present cabinet will no doubt be the scene of generous and refined hospitality; but from our knowledge of these representatives of the Democratic party now in power there will be none of that ostentatious display which, at least in one instance, wrecked the life of a cabinet minister. With the coming of so much wealth to Washington there came, to an extravagance in living unknown and unheard of in the past, when the Democratic party ruled in Washington. Let us hope that the baleful effects of such extravagance, which extended even to the foreign element, so agreeable in Washington society, and such a distinctive feature in it, may be abated, as it caused the suicide of one of its members, and has driven away another, one of the most charming foreign representatives, who frankly admitted he could not afford the expense of life in Washington.

The influence of an administration is all powerful, and its example will be speedily followed; and once more the great charm of life in Washington will be revived by a refined and genial hospitality that will recall with delight the social relations which so distinguished the three last Democratic administrations.

The Acreage of Florida.

Of a total area of 36,955,240 acres of land in Florida only 17,103,152 acres appear on the tax books of the State, less than one half the area of the State. It is estimated that the lakes, rivers and other bodies of water not assessed cover a total area of 2,241,640 acres, and that there are yet remaining in the southern extremity of the State about 8,000,000 acres that have not been surveyed.

A LOST LIFE.

The Downward Movement of a Once Prominent Preacher.

St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

Years ago, it is said, Logan Sleeper was a Baptist minister in good standing, but for the last ten years he was a tramp of the worst description. Each morning, between eight and nine o'clock, in the old days, he called at a grocery store between Fourth street and Broadway, on Christy avenue. He invariably had a bottle of whiskey, which he called "the Lord's wine," and in it he steeped a loaf of bread, which he then munched. Then he shambled about the streets—walk can hardly express it. Once a well built man, he gradually shrank away. Over six feet high, his back was bent and curved so that he seemed much smaller. A stovepipe hat, which a ragpicker would have disdained, surmounted a deeply turrowed brow. Spectacles whose bows were rusted hung upon his nose, and from underneath them glassy eyes, as of the dead, peered furtively at the passerby. A half growth of grayish beard, neglected by scissors or razor, straggled over sunken jaws. Down from the corners of his mouth extended dried up streams of tobacco juice. A coat and waistcoat that might once have been black, or perhaps green, but whose original color was departed under the influence of wind and weather, hung in tattered desolation about his form. Trousers much the same in appearance failed to meet his shoes, and left exposed the bare stockingless expanse of skin and bone that passed muster for ankles. Fragments of linen tied at the neck with pieces of twine did duty as a shirt. Shoes worlds too large for his shriveled feet were held on these by other pieces of twine. A cane or bludgeon was his constant companion, and thus he moved along, without seemingly any reason for his existence, and but little existence to give a reason for. Wherever there was an unusual gathering Sleeper could be found. The Harrison revival beheld him, the Y. M. C. A. building knew his form too well; no tent was ever erected for gospel or temperance work into which he did not drift. Street corner evangelists had him as an auditor and often as an assistant, for he would stand up on barrel or box and maugher forth his ideas of religion. When the liberal league was in its glory Logan visited it. He sat there with hanging under jaw, as was his wont, both hands resting on his heavy staff. When the blasphemers had demolished to their own satisfaction New and Old Testament revelation the wreck tottered to his feet. He took up the sophistries, punctured them, riddled them, tore them into more tatters than fluttered around his own person, and astonished every one by his eloquence. They forgot to jeer, for very marveling at the gruesome figure. It was as though a corpse had thrown aside the ceremonies of the grave and found voice from out of its putrefaction. Sometimes he took up the pen and uttered a threnody in the press over some good Samaritan who had given him more than a cup of cold water for which the gospel promises reward. It was like a reminiscence of intellect. All this time he was literally soaked with whiskey and was offensive to sight and other senses, though his manners were harmless to the verge of stupidity. On the 8th he called at the Third district police station and asked for lodging. He complained of being paralyzed on one side. He laid down on the floor with an overturned chair for a pillow, and slept all night as a child might in its mother's arms. When he awoke he had to obtain assistance to put him on his feet. It was evident that the event which might have occurred years ago with benefit to all concerned was close at hand. Perhaps it was the next day he was sent to the city hospital. Yesterday his shell of a body was laid away in potter's field, and "marasmus" was what the hospital surgeon wrote to express the snuffing out of a life that had long ago passed from the state of worthlessness to that of noiselessness.

Now Who will Get the Rubles?

A Russian paper gives an account of the circumstances which have led to a most unique lawsuit. A rich lady at her death placed her pet dog Gypsy, in the hands of a friend, with the request to provide for her with the annual interest on 1,000 rubles, set aside for that purpose in her testament. The other day Gypsy died, and the lady who had charge of her took it for granted that the money was now her own. Another lady, however, appeared on the scene who owned a son of Gypsy, and who claimed that her dog was heir to the income of the 1,000 rubles, since nothing was said in the testament regarding the disposal of this money after the death of Gypsy. The result of the trial will be awaited with interest.

Another Cave Discovered.

G. W. Waldron, who lives near Nashville, Tenn., has discovered a cave thirteen miles from that city, which has not been fully explored, but which promises to prove a very interesting one. Half a mile from the entrance to the cave were found a number of beautiful stalactites, which have been presented to the Tennessee Historical Society. Two pools of water, clear as crystal, were also found. The cave is to be explored fully by competent persons.

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