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A CASE OF RAILROAD REBATING IN THE SOUTH.

The railroads of this section have long tried the patience of some of their best friends very sorely by practicing the rank and most inexcusable favoritism in freight rates...

The first purpose of our platform is to restore the power of government to the people, to make their will supreme in the primaries, in the elections, and in the control of public officials...

Our second purpose is to destroy the power of selfish special interests by wresting from their hands their main weapon, the corruption fund, and by preventing absolutely the use of any money at elections except for literature, for meetings, and for legitimate appeals...

To carry these principles into practice," says The Washington Herald, "the Independence Leaguers demand two very radical changes in the American political system, both of which directly traverse the main body of belief entertained by the leaders of existing parties."

This new force in politics, if it materialize, will not be one to be deplored. The Populist party and Mr. Bryan already have a large section of the people educated in the initiative and referendum and government ownership.

Though the Elkins anti-rebate act and similar legislation have been in force for years, practices like those just detailed are still uncovered from time to time.

HEARST'S NATIONAL PARTY.

The news has been given that Mr. Wm. R. Hearst's Independence League, which has branches in many States, is to hold a national convention, organize a new national party and put out a ticket.

Our fourth purpose is to frame certain schemes of constructive legislation to develop the resources of our great country, to increase national and international facilities for trade and commerce, to encourage confidence and employment, and to encourage all legitimate business enterprises.

Mr. Cook says the trustees have about \$14,000 as a working basis, and this will be sufficient for present needs. Of course, after the school is established, additional funds will be needed from time to time.

"I do not consider myself a poet of any class. Not even as high as to 'hold forth' at the foot of the class in which the distinguished author of the following lines is a prominent member."

Each of the schools that I visited keeps an accurate record of all their inmates, both during the period of their sojourn in the school and after they are released and sent out into the world.

"If The Observer knew Mr. Kitchin as well as the Review knows him it could not impugn his motives as it does," says The Redeemer Review.

The best news that has come from South America in many months is that at a bull fight at Lima—presumably Sunday—given by the President of Peru in honor of the American fleet, the Matador was killed.

REFORM SCHOOL DISCUSSED

WILL BE OPENED IN THE FALL. Mr. Walter Thompson, Superintendent of State Reformatory, just back from a tour of inspection of Other Similar Institutions—The Cottage Plan to be Adopted in This State—Methods to be Employed in Handling the Boys Outside—Insufficient Funds for Present Work Now in Hand—A Cannon Leader to Visit Greensboro Soon—An Asheville Firm Placed in Bankruptcy Yesterday—New Law Firm is Formed.

Among the visitors here to-day are Messrs. J. P. Cook and Walter Thompson, of Concord, who are staying much of their time and attention to the Stonewall Jackson Manual Training and Industrial School.

"During the past two months I have been from one end of the State to the other, and it is a fact that every day six or seven dozen people have asked me questions in reference to the school."

"I am sorry to say that The Observer has a tendency to ridicule the fortunate members of the poetical world who do not get sufficient inspiration from the muse to produce a classical poem, although I am not 'knocking' The Observer for its publication."

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The United States Court issues a subpoena against R. A. Condit, trading under the firm name of Condit Bros. of Beaufort City to show cause why the firm should not be adjudged bankrupt.

COMMISSION MEETS AGAIN.

It is Hoped That This Will Be Its Final Session. Trial of Alleged Murderer Begun—Rich Horseman Dead—Prominent Lady Also Passes Aways.

The dispensary winding-up commission to-day began what it hopes will be its concluding session on the matter of adjudging claims.

The remains of John W. Rodgers, manager of the Whitney stables at Aiken at a salary of \$25,000 and a horseman agent of national fame, passed through Columbia to-day on their way home to Westchester, N. Y., from Aiken, where he died suddenly yesterday of pneumonia, which baffled the skill of five physicians and three trained nurses.

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A PROTEST FROM NEW YORK.

A Member of a McDowell Society Says That Mr. Von Lawrens' Article on Mr. MacDowell Does This Musician an Injustice.

Will you allow me space in your paper to correct some false and very unkind statements made by your correspondent, Karl von Lawrens, in his article about Edward MacDowell? As a former resident of Charlotte, I am anxious that your readers be undeceived as to Mr. Lawrens' remarks, which to anyone who has read the newspapers in the last three years would seem to be a figment of his imagination.

Another Bard Comes Forth to Proclaim the Mountain Candidate in Song, Though His Muse is Stubborn Like the Ground Hog.

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