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BABY RUTH HAS A SISTER.

The First Child Ever Born to a President in the White House.
WASHINGTON, September 9.—Another girl baby was born to President and Mrs. Cleveland to-day. The birth of a baby in the White House was of course an event in which more than usual interest was felt. In an incredibly short space of time the news was known in Congress and was spread through all the Departments. The imminence of the important event was made known early in the day by the issue of an order countermanding the usual Saturday concert by the Marine Band in the White House grounds. Dr. Bryant, who accompanied the President and Mrs. Cleveland back from Gray Gables and took up his quarters in the White House, was the attending physician. The latest information obtainable is that Mrs. Cleveland and her latest daughter were both doing well.

The closest reticence was maintained at the White House as to the event. The first statement given was that the event took place at 2 p. m. Later, it was permitted to be known that the event occurred exactly at noon. The President was informed of the event by Dr. Bryant, who, it is said, did not mention it to Private Secretary Thurber until 2 p. m. In the meantime the news had become known outside, the first public mention being made of it in the War Department.

Mrs. Perrin, Mrs. Cleveland's mother, is on her way to the city, but has not yet arrived. The President during the morning attended as closely as usual to his official duties. He signed the two bills passed by Congress in connection with the celebration of the one hundredth anniversary of the founding of the capital, on the 18th inst., and gave an informal reception to Prince Yorihito Kamatsu, grand nephew of the Mikado of Japan, who is traveling incognito through this country. The President absented himself from his office shortly before 12 o'clock, and remained anxiously awaiting a message. When informed by Dr. Bryant of Mrs. Cleveland's safety, he also went to his wife's chamber, and two hours afterwards quietly re-entered his office, and authorized Mr. Thurber to confirm the rumor, which by this time was running all over the city.

The baby is a bright-eyed, healthy looking young lady. She has not been weighed, but is said to be of good size. This is the first child born to a President in the White House, though there have been other births in the Executive mansion.
Just before the occurrence of the day the gates leading through the rear part of the Executive park were closed to insure absolute quiet about the Mansion. Earlier in the day orders had been issued suspending the regular Saturday afternoon concert of the Marine Band for to-day and the rest of the season. Immediately after the news had been confirmed members of the cabinet and their wives called to congratulate the President and to leave their cards for Mrs. Cleveland. Attorney General Olney happened to be at the White House when the President came back to his office from the house shortly after 2 o'clock and was the first member of the official family to tender his good wishes.

Bunches of roses from intimate friends are pouring into the White House to-night and there is a general air of suppressed excitement about the employees of the Mansion. Telegrams of congratulation have been received from all parts of the country.
Missouri church Festivals.
Down in Missouri they have introduced hugging societies to swell the church treasury, and a Missouri paper gives the following scale of prices: Girls under 16, 15 cents for a hug of two minutes, or 10 cents for a short squeeze; from 16 to 20, 20 cents; from 20 to 25, 75 cents; school-marks 40 cents; another man's wife \$1; widows, according to looks from 10 cents to \$3; old maids, 3 cents a piece, or two for 5 and no limit of time. Preachers are not charged. Editors pay in advertisements, but are not allowed to squeeze anything but old maids and school-marks.—Ex.

Character of a True Friend.

Living Epistle.
Concerning the man you call your friend tell us, will he weep for you in the hour of distress, will he faithfully reprove you to your face for actions for which others are ridiculing or censuring you behind your back? Will he acknowledge you with the same friendly attention in company of your superiors in rank and fortune, as when the claims of pride or vanity do not interfere with those of friendship? If misfortune and losses should oblige you to retire into the walk of life; in which you cannot appear with the same distinction, or entertain your friends with the same liberality as formerly, will he still think himself happy in your society? And instead of gradually withdrawing himself from an unprofitable connection will he take pleasure in professing himself your friend, cheerfully assist you to support the burdens of your misfortune? When sickness forces you to retire from the gay and busy scenes of the world, will he follow you into your gloomy retreat, and listen with attention to your tale of sorrow? Will he administer the balm of consolation to your fainting spirit?

And lastly, when death shall burst asunder every earthly tie, will he shed a tear upon your grave and lodge the dear remembrance of your mutual friendship in his heart as a treasure never to be resigned? The man who will not do all this may be your companion, your flatterer, your seducer but he is not your friend.

SENATOR VANCE read a letter in the Senate from E. D. Sheppard & Co., N. Y. bankers, to J. H. Faust, of Salisbury, N. C., declining to make a loan and saying: "The Sumpson Democrat says: Occasionally a thrust is made at our last legislature, by fault finding papers. There is just this about it. The last general assembly acted with remarkable wisdom, conservatism and discretion, taking into consideration the difficult problems that confronted it. Everybody, as a matter of course, was not transported with delight at everything that was done, or not done. But the fact remains that many needed laws were enacted, many worthy appropriations made, and all this without an increase of taxation. Only populists exclaim against the actions of the body, because the Alliance charter was so amended that subscribers to the Business Agency fund could withdraw their money, as they ought to have been allowed to do. The loudest howls go up from those who wished to use this fund mainly for campaign purposes.

Where Happiness and Contentment Dwell.
Webster's Weekly.
A properly conducted farm, on which the necessities of life are grown, is a little independent republic in itself. Conspirators may plan to raise the price of bread and meat, but the man with his crib and smokehouse in his yard can defy them. Tightness of the money market does not affect him much, for he has little use for money. One of our subscribers who has pursued this course for years recently defended his views against the ridicule of some of his brethren and showed them the inconsistency of putting the hand in the lion's mouth and then complaining because it bites. While others have been paying tribute to the gamblers of Chicago, this sensible man has been eating bread and meat raised on his own farm.

Secretary Hoke Smith was in Atlanta last week, his business being, it is stated, to unload his interest in the Atlanta Journal, because of the constant criticism he receives on account of the utterances of that paper, in which he owns a controlling interest.

What Home Is.
A London paper offered a prize for the best definition of a home. About five thousand answers were given, some of the best were the following:
A world of strife shut out, a world of love shut in.
A home is the blossom of which heaven is the fruit.
Where you are treated best and grumble most.
The father's kingdom, the children's paradise, the mother's world.
The best place for a married man after business hours are over.
The place where the great are sometimes small and the small often great.
The jewel casket containing the most precious of all jewels—domestic happiness.
Home is the coziest, kindest, sweetest place in all the world, the escense of our purest earthly joys and deepest sorrow.
The only spot on earth where the faults and failings of fallen humanity are hidden under the mantle of charity.
A little hollow scooped out of the windy hill of the world where we can be shielded from its cares and annoyances.
A live in which, like the industrious bee, youth garners the sweets and memories of life for age to meditate and feed upon.
An abode in which the inmate, the "superior being called man," can pay back at night, with fifty per cent interest, every annoyance that has met him in business during the day.

Gold is the Price.
St. Louis Republic.
Under a single gold standard, gold fixes its own price. A gold dollar contains 23 1/2 grains of pure metal and that weight of metal is the unit of value in the United States. There is nothing for it to rest upon—it is final. The prices of all other commodities are fixed by the number of grains of gold—counted in dollars they will bring in the market. If gold becomes scarcer, in comparison with the demands of trade, it also becomes dearer in comparison with other commodities. The man who wants dollars must give up more of merchandise to get them. The prices of the merchandise articles fall correspondingly.
Under our present system, which is in effect a copy of what they have in all European countries, the grain of gold is the final unit of value. It may be said to have no price, since it is the price. Every Government under a gold standard must keep enough gold to sustain all the rest of its currency. It must have gold ready to exchange for every other form of currency, or confess that it cannot make good its promises. The civilized world has gone daft on gold grabbing. Silver must be called upon to help sooner or later.
An Exciting Time at a Baptism in Wilkes.
Wilmington Chronicle.
Upon Stony Fork last Sunday while the ministers were engaged in the solemn ceremony of immersing several persons, one lady who got too near the edge of the creek fell in where it was pretty deep and got wet all over. This so excited one of the candidates for baptism, a young lady, that she fainted. Her best fellow was there, and he took a notion that his girl was about to die. The doctor was on the other side of the creek. Not waiting to go down by the footlog, the young man plunged in the creek up to his waist, waded over and carried the doctor back on his shoulders. The girl soon revived and a pleasant smile ran over the young man's face, although his "best Sunday clothes," like Nicotina's, were not very dry.

Hollered It Too Loud.
Spunkin' of colts, I'm reminded of a story that Amos J. Cummings, the distinguished editor and statesman of New York, tells touching the financial scare. I met him and Tom Murray in the Shoreham the other night. Amos is a good fellow and fond of good stories, which I'm not, but this was a good one. He said that this little flurry in financial circles was due to the fact that the bankers and speculators wanted to squeeze the government into issuing a lot of gold bonds, and so they began to howl about silver and all that and finally overdid the business—scared the people too much. He said it reminded him of the old fellow who was breaking a very frisky colt out West. He got him pretty well trained to the saddle, but he didn't know whether he would scare on the road or not, so he told one of his neighbors to hide in the bushes alongside the road and when he rode past to holler "Hoo!" The neighbor did as requested, and when he hollered the colt landed the old man across a fence and went two-y-brootin' down the road. As soon as the old man came to be said to his general assistant, "What did you do that for?" "Didn't you tell me to holler 'Hoo'?" "Yes, I did," whined the old man, "but, damn your soul, you hollered too loud!" That's the trouble with them goldbugs, thinks Mr. Cummings. They hollered too loud and scared the country a little too much.
Mills in North Carolina.
Wilmington Herald.
There are in the State at the present time 150 cotton mills located in 38 different counties, operating about 12,000 looms and more than 500,000 spindles. The profits arising from many of these mills range from ten to twenty five per cent on the capital invested. There are 13 woolen mills operating 100 looms and over 100,000 spindles. There are tobacco factories located at Winston, Durham, Raleigh, Henderson, Oxford, Oxford, Raleigh and elsewhere, one hundred and ten plug and nine smoking tobacco factories, the aggregate business of which amounts to several million dollars per annum. There are 57 carriage factories located in thirty counties, 32 wagon factories, 3 paper mills, 8 knitting mills, 42 canning establishments, including vegetable, fruits, and oysters, 13 fertilizer factories, and a considerable number of miscellaneous establishments. Probably the greater progress has been made in the growth of cotton factories, and these have continued to yield the largest profits.

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