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BOTH Childs and Sheridan say they wouldn't have it. It is not for them any more than for Blaine. Of course not. It is for Cleveland.

SHERIDAN's mother says he was born in Ohio, but he himself denies the soft impeachment. Even he, uncouth and boorish as he is, prefers not to hail from the State which brought forth the rancorous Sherman.

PHIL SHERIDAN says he was born in Albany; his mother avers that he was born in Ohio, while a cousin insists that he is undoubtedly a native of Ireland. Here's a state of things that speaks none too well for the social status of the Sheridans in general. Where's the family bible?

GOV. GRAY, of Indiana, is coming into view as a Vice-Presidential candidate along with Cleveland. Various reasons are urged for putting him on the ticket, the leading one, perhaps, being the idea that Blaine will be the Republican nominee for President, notwithstanding the Florence manifesto, and that Ben Harrison will be nominated with him.

MINNESOTA Republicans call for a radical tariff reduction, according to nearly five columns of reviews of the situation from different parts of the State which the Minneapolis *Journal* prints. Gresham seems to be the favorite candidate of these people since Blaine's letter of withdrawal. Well, Gresham or Blaine or anybody else; whoever he may be, Cleveland will beat him.

THE trusts are gigantic aggregations of corporate interests created for the purpose of minimizing the effect of competition and keeping prices up to what may be considered by those in control of the situation legitimate standards. They hold an immense power and to the end that this may be used without being abused it is very well that the law-making body of the land should have an eye to them and keep an eye upon them.

THE wealthy Philadelphia newspaper man, Geo. W. Childs, who has already enriched Stratford-on-Avon with a memorial of Shakespeare, and Westminster Abbey with a window in memory of Herbert and Cowper, has now erected in St. Margaret's Church, London, a beautiful memorial window to the poet Milton and has been handsomely referred to in consequence by Archdeacon Farrar. His munificence seems to know no bounds. It claims all countries for its own.

THE mercurial French seem to have another crisis on hand. They are probably hardly happy without a crisis, and certain of them are said to be disposed to elect Gen. Boulanger to the Chamber of Deputies notwithstanding the fact that he is ineligible. How very French to insist on electing a man to an office to which he is known to be ineligible. *Vive la gloire!* they are fond of saying, and they mean it when they say it. They love a great deal simply for the glory of doing it. They are a glorious people in this sense as well as in the sense more complimentary.

THE State Democratic Executive Committee will meet here tomorrow in accordance with the call of Chairman Battle, published some time since, for the purpose of determining on the time and the place for holding the State convention and for the transaction of such other business as may come before it. We hope the meeting will be fully attended. It will have to take the initiative on the Democratic side in one of the most important political struggles the State has ever passed through. The coming contest, fellow-Democrats, is not going to be child's play. We have yet got to work to win in North Carolina.

TODAY the national Democratic committee will meet in Washington to fix the time and place for holding the national Democratic convention. Chicago will probably be the choice as to location. The time of meeting will be determined with greater reference to mere convenience than usual, since the action of the convention will in no wise depend on what may be done by the Republicans in the matter of their nomination. Whoever they may put up, the Democratic nominee will beyond doubt be Cleveland. The only question among Democrats is as to the man to take the second place on the ticket. So far as we are concerned we should like to see him First Assistant Postmaster General A. E. Stevenson.

THE recurrence of the anniversary of the birth of "the father of his country" should suggest to us the importance of getting back in our governmental methods as nearly as possible to the fundamental principles, whose soundness none will dispute, on which our republic was placed in the outset of its glorious career. The closer we can keep our ship of state to the course the fathers marked out the safer we shall be. Certain adaptations are necessary as time goes, but these need not in any sense obliterate the fundamentals to which we have referred and should not be permitted to do so. When the principles of which we stand are forgotten the whole structure which has been carefully built up for us will be under our feet.

CLEVELAND AND STEVENSON.

Whatever doubts may hang around the Republican nomination for the presidency, none exists as to the choice of the Democrats for that position. The only name mentioned for the first place on the Democratic ticket is that of Mr. Cleveland. He has no competitor. The Democracy of the Union turns to him as a matter of course. No one else is in the public mind in any part of the country.

For the second place, as yet no contest has been made, and the friends of a number of gentlemen may present the names of their favorites. Col. Vilas' name has been mentioned, as well as that of Gen. Black. Our favorite, however, is Hon. Adlai E. Stevenson, the very efficient First Assistant Postmaster General.

We have had occasion to note the grasp, the scope of power, the high character, the unquenchable Democracy of Mr. Stevenson; and we find in him a true type of the genuine Democratic statesman.

Cleveland and Stevenson would rally the Democratic hosts and their nomination would be the signal for victory. Their names on the Democratic standard would assure us the zealous support of the entire party, and November would witness a grand triumph throughout the Union.

Another ticket might be successful, but this would certainly remove all doubt as to the result in North Carolina and it will be the same in all other States where there is now an appearance of uncertainty.

The joinder of no other man with Mr. Cleveland would serve such an admirable purpose, bringing into line so thoroughly the strong reserves of the Democratic masses all over the Union. By all means let the ticket be Cleveland and Stevenson.

THE poor Crown Prince of Germany seems to be doomed, and probably has but few more days or weeks to live. He has been subjected to the operation of tracheotomy, which is the introduction of a silver tube in the trachea to enable the lungs to get their requisite supply of air through an artificial channel, the natural channel being obstructed by the tumor at the base of the larynx, and which is a temporary expedient only and in no sense curative, and now they are talking about trying laryngotomy, which is the extirpation of the whole larynx. This last proposition seems to indicate a final conclusion that it is cancer after all from which the Prince has been and is still suffering, a suggestion that has been steadily denied by the famous specialists in charge of the case. So horrible an operation would not be resorted to we must suppose save for the purpose of removing cancer from both the body and the blood of the illustrious patient and so as to insure its non-return. It is to be feared, however, that it is already too late for such a trial and that the loved Fritz has only to prepare himself for the death that stares him in the face and that is hurrying him into eternity. The prince like the pauper is subject to disease and though he may have the advantage of the highest medical and surgical skill he must sooner or later lie down in the grave with his poorer and less distinguished brother. All is vanity, saith the preacher, so far at least as setting one's affections wholly on earthly things is concerned. Daily is this lesson taught us and in every walk of life.

THE President will today, barring accident, be in the land of flowers and riding about the streets of Jacksonville with Mrs. Cleveland in a carriage covered with orange blossoms which the tasteful people of our more southern sister have provided for his delectation. His passage through the Old North State was hurried but not too much so for our plodding but patriotic people to wish him well and to commend him heartily for honesty, firmness and devotion to popular interests as well as ability in the Presidential chair. It would be worth his while to stop long enough on his return to see something of our eastern section as he has already looked upon the surpassing beauty of our mountain region. In any event, however, he may rely on the Democracy of North Carolina for its utmost endeavor in the matter of his re-election, his re-nomination being a foregone conclusion, as a faithful servant who deserves further honors in addition to the plaudit Well-done.

GENERAL Sheridan says he would not run under any circumstances. All the wiser favorites of the Republicans seem to realize that the prize of the Presidency is out of their reach whether nominated or not.

The Salvation Army Captain Resigns.

Charlotte Chronicle.

The Captain who has officered the Salvation Army in this city for some months will "farewell out of the Army" tonight (Sunday.) White Wings says the ceremony will be an interesting one. The Captain, it seems, has resigned from the Army in order to study for the ministry. White Wings spoke rather discouragingly yesterday of the prospects ahead, and anticipated trouble in meeting hall rent. "I think it would be better," he said, "if it gets so that we can't pay the hall rent, to give up the hall and go about from house to house, or hold our meetings in the court house." He says that he does not know what is to be done in regard to the Captain's successor until Col. Light is heard from.

A Plain, Blunt Man.

From the Boston Commercial Bulletin.

The following is related of a popular divine in conversation with one of his parishioners who was fearfully addicted to profanity and at the same time one of those conceited fellows who are apt to allude to themselves as "plain, blunt men." The latter concluded a speech with this shibboleth, adding: "And I call a spade a spade." The patient dominie responded: "I am glad you do, Mr. B.; I was afraid you would call it a d—d old shovel."

Storekeepers and Gaugers.

The Secretary of the Treasury has appointed as storekeepers and gaugers: Andrew C. Davis, at Conrad's, N. C.; Wm. A. Holloman, at Jonesville, N. C.; Dallas M. Hardy, at La-Grange, N. C., and John W. Hutcherson, at Jobe, N. C.

FLORIDA.

THE WONDERS OF THE LOWER INDIAN RIVER—THE SEA-GRAPE, &C.

Cor. of the News and Observer.

GREENSBORO, N. C., Feb. 21.

The sea grape of lower Indian river is the very "elixir of life," as far as known. Wonderful stories are told of its life-sustaining properties. The trees are numerous all along the river banks. They grow almost without exception along the water's edge, resembling in general appearance somewhat the common fig-tree—leaves about the same size and shape, but having purple stems. The twigs and limbs present a knotty, stud-like appearance. The average trees are small. I saw only a few large specimens—one five feet in diameter near the ground. But the fruit is the wonder of that fair tropical land. It is a small, lobe shaped, half-grape, half-plum production, from which the juice is pressed and mixed with water, like the lemon, for a beverage. As an invigorator under fatigue, and the hunter's substitute for food, it is unsurpassed—by long odds ahead of anything invented.

The appearance of the sea-grape, the date palm that now begins to dot the landscape, the magic grace and beauty of the cocoa-nut trees, and the frequent recurrence of pine apple fields that bask in the sunshine with the golden glow of ripe wheat fields ready for the harvest, all tell you plainly that you have passed beyond the frost line—beyond the chills of winter, and into the domain of perennial summer. Here the wild spring flowers bloom in January as they do in the South Carolina meadows in June.

So far I have taken the reader in imagination down past Merritt Island, down past St. Lucie Sound, Sebastian and Herman's Bays, through Indian River Narrows and Peck's Lake. Then comes the wonderful labyrinthine curiosity known as Jupiter Narrows—eight or ten miles of island-studded territory, where the voyager must just creep along over sand beds and oyster shoals—here gliding under Mangrove limbs and then steering round a point where the channel is nix and your keel grates heavily on the bottom. You pull and push and wish for the breeze and struggle at last through this strange panorama of nature, and wonder what it was all made for, unless it was for the fish and "varmint," when suddenly, after the sharpest turn and the narrowest channel yet seen, you glide into the last reach of this magic river, a stretch of ten or twelve miles known as Hope's Sound.

Here are merged the excellencies and advantages of this goodly land—the beauties of its tropical vegetation—the charm of a placid river—the generous fruits—a climate that carries to the consciousness a conviction that here is the embodiment of balm and elasticity—the high sand bluff on the west (inland), covered with spruce and live oak, that tells of the healthfulness of that region. Here are oysters by the *square mile* and in easy reach—it is with difficulty that you can sail over the banks; and here is the same endless supply of fish—and on the east lies a strip of land between the sound and the ocean that may, in some respects, be compared to a half mile of the old original antediluvian Asiatic Paradise. There is no positive authority that Adam had any good palmetto hammock in his original grant—but this is nearly *all* hammock. Eight hundred yards to the rear as you land (eastward) you mount a bold sand dune covered with live-oak, scrub and palmetto, and in a moment, the ocean, hoary and monstrous, bursts upon your view. Your hat comes off instinctively. You bow obeisance to the peculiar beauty of the scene that seems to swathe its ever changing lineaments with a libation of cerulean and golden glory.

Nothing can equal the strange charm that greets the eye of the beholder as he gazes on these limpid, sun-lighted waters. No description ever attempted seems better than a caricature. The play and sparkle of the tints, and the evolution of the deeper colors is a perpetual mystery.

This sea and sound begirt Jupiter Island, this breeze-swept edition of El Dorado is, in the language of one of Florida's adopted citizens, "the poor man's heaven, the laboring man's opportunity, the invalid's sanitarium, the rich man's luxury, the tourist's ideal and the hunters and fisherman's glory."

L. W. A.

THE MARVELS OF GRAPHY.

A Conversation Between ondon, Cairo and San Francisco.

San Francisco Call.

One of the marvels of telegraphy was fully demonstrated last Sunday morning, when operators in the Western Union office in this city carried on an interesting conversation over hill and dale, over mountains capped with snow, through valleys of perennial green, under the Atlantic Ocean with its unexplored secrets, over the vine clad regions of Europe and under the Mediterranean, with Cairo, in the land of the Pharaohs. The time was 3 o'clock in the morning, just after a heavy night's work, "good night" having been received on the last press dispatch. The dramatis personæ were three operators, and the way the affair came about was as follows:

Chief—All clear. Have you a cigar, Bob?

Bob—You bet; but I'll keep it.

Chief—You will? Who are you working with, Tom?

Tom—Chicago. I've old Fox here. He's going to turn on the cable office, and by the mortal Frost I'll speak with Valentia or bust. "Co, Co, Co, Ch," rattled off the sounds, and "I, I, I, Co," came in response.

"There is the cable office," said the Chicago operator; "go for him, old fellow."

To Valentia—Let us have London, now, please—Tor Bay.

Valentia to London—Here is San Francisco, Cal., who wants to speak with you. Tor Bay is doing the cable transactions.

London to San Francisco—Delighted to meet you by wire. It is just striking noon by St. Paul's clock, and very foggy, as usual. How is the weather there?"

"This is wonderful," responded San Francisco. "It is 4.30 o'clock, standard time, here, and not yet daylight. We receive many cables from London, but never had the pleasure of meeting you before. Any Americans there? It is raining slightly. There are plenty of mushrooms on the hills, and the boys will be selling violets on the street corners today."

London, having secured a signal from Cairo, wrote: "San Francisco, Cal., is on here and sends greetings. They want to connect the wonderland of the New World with prehistoric Egypt."

Cairo—Say to San Francisco that it is a pleasure to span half the globe to speak with them.

"The pleasure is mutual," signaled Tom from the Western Union operating room. The Pacific speaking with the Nile, through the Atlantic, the Bay of Biscay and the Mediterranean Sea is a wonderful feat.

Spirit of the Press.

It is plain to every thinking man and man of reflection, that nothing but the color line put the Democrats in favor in this State and nothing but that can save the party from defeat. That is about the only issue we can all unite on. That is a visible and legible issue we can all feel and see. You may talk tariff, revenue, corruption, fraud, pensions and every other evil from which we as a body, politically, are suffering till doomsday and not one man in ten will remember what you said three minutes after you stop; nor do many people care how much they are knaved, cheated or defrauded so long as they don't see you in the very act. But when you talk negro equality, negro supremacy, negro domination to our people, every man's blood rises to boiling heat at once. Our people are not built in a way to submit to being domineered over by an inferior race of people. They will suffer death first. Our people will deal fairly with the colored man and treat him kindly so long as they control the State, but the negro would not deal kindly and justly towards the whites if he was in power. But the sum and substance of the whole matter is this, we must and shall control, and this State must go Democratic, and every Democrat must see to it. W. H. K. in *Scotland Neck Democrat.*

It is an old adage that you must not do what your enemy asks you to do. The radicals say we must not draw the color line. The idea of dictation by the enemy is imperial and supreme folly and impudence. But the fact is the negroes themselves long since drew the color line and have been standing on their side ever since, and for one we do not feel called upon or disposed to pull them across it. They have been voting as a body ever since their enfranchisement, and have persistently refused to "split" or vote for Democrats. They have persistently elected republicans whenever and wherever they could, although they knew they were not fit for the offices. And in doing this they have knowingly and cheerfully in phalanxes, voted against men who were worthy and capable. And they have been encouraged to do this by the white men who leagued in with them. If there be color lines the radicals, and not the Democrats, have drawn them, and it is dishonest on their part to deny it and unmanly to whine over it when it proves to be a boomerang to them.—*Warrenton Gazette.*

Boodle is expected to enter more largely than ever into the political contest in North Carolina this year. Republican authorities estimate that they will have enough funds to purchase ten thousand votes. That will be a pretty large transaction, and will require a big pile; but plenty of it will be forthcoming if the party managers consider the investment likely to prove profitable. A desperate effort will be made to capture the electoral vote of the State for the republican candidate for president. United effort on the part of the Democrats will be necessary to hold the State; but united effort will do it.—*Davidson Dispatch.*

He would have the country believe that the Democrats scouted the tariff issue in the national canvass in 1884, evading the question, as an issue, and treating it as outside the record. Such a subterfuge is unworthy even the chronic Presidential candidate, for he knows only too well that President Cleveland's tariff message, recently addressed to the Congress, simply formulated the Democratic position on this question which, through the years, has been urged with unabated zeal and vigor. Mr. Blaine's declinature leaves the field all the fairer for the success of the Democratic party, for he is undoubtedly the opposition's strongest man. —*Rockingham Rocket.*

CURRENCY.

In the Market.—Young Housekeeper (to butcher)—"What is the price of mutton?" Butcher—"Fourteen cents, mum." Young Housekeeper—"And lamb?" Butcher—"Eighteen cents, mum." Young Housekeeper (surprised)—"Is it possible? Why, a lamb isn't more than half the size of a-er-mutton!"—*Harper's Bazar.*

Mr. Softly (a very conceited man)—"You are looking at me very closely, Miss Austin. Pray tell me, what do I remind you of?" Miss Austin—"A river, Mr. Softly." "Why a river?" "Because your mouth is larger than your head."—*Texas Siftings.*

A Collateral Issue: Judge (to jury)—"Have you agreed upon a verdict? Is the prisoner guilty or not guilty of theft, as charged in the indictment?" Foreman—"We have not yet reached a verdict, your Honor. I missed my pocketbook in the night and I would respectfully ask that each juror be searched."—*New York Sun.*

"Pat," said a Rhode Island republican mill-owner, "don't you vote the democratic ticket. It is a free trade ticket. If that party wins, your wages will be reduced one-half." "Devil trust ye now," exclaimed Pat. "If that's so you'd vote it yourself!"

A Chance for the Fool-Killer.

Texas Siftings.

Husband (impatiently): "If the fool killer would strike this town he would find plenty of work to do."

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—D. F. Lindsay, a clerk in the United States Land Office at Denver, Col., committed suicide Friday. His accounts were $5,000 short.

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—The Virginia House of Delegates passed a bill appropriating $75,000 to pay pensions to disabled Confederate soldiers.

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