Richard Malcolm Johnston and His Clever Work.

How His Conversion to Roman Catholicism Changed film from Elucator to Story Teller-His First Literary Efforts.

I spent an afternnon last week with one of the most charming writers of the United States, writes Frank G. Carpenter in the Chicago Herald. I refer to Richard Malcolm Johnston, who ranks with Uncle Remus and Thomas Nelson Page as among the greatest story tellers of the south, and whose dialect tales of the Georgia hills have delighted the readers of the magazines for years. It was at his home on West North avenue in Baltimore that I called upon him. His house is a three-story red brick, which is covered with vines and looks out upon one of the widest streets of the city. The living rooms of the family are on the second floor, and it was in the parlor, furnished with antique pieces, that I met Mr. Johnston. He is not so rich to-day as he was before the war, when he owned a plantation in the south and possessed the luxurious surroundings of a well-to-do planter of his time. He lives very comfortably, however, and his income from his writings is enough to support well himself and his family.

It is not generally known to the public that Richard Malcolm Johnston is one of the best educators of the United States. He was a professor in the university of Georgia at the time the war began, and when it closed, leaving himself and all his friends poor, he opened a boarding school for boys at his home, near Sparta, in Georgia, and made here for years \$20,-000 and upward annually by teaching. He had about fifty boys, who paid him tuition fees of \$500 a year, and the most famous families of the south sent. their children to him. Very few teachers in the United States to-day can make as much as \$20,000 a year, and the story of how Mr. Johnston gave up his school and devoted himself to writing for an income about one-tenth this size is an interesting one. He told it to me in response to my questions. Said he: "I like the profession of



RICHARD MALCOLM JOHNSTON.

as my life work. I never thought of making money by writing for pay, and it was not until I came to Baltimore that I realized that I could write anything which had a real money value. I left Georgia on account of the death of my daughter. We loved her dearly, and I could not endure life amid the old associations without her. I gave up my school and moved to this city and began teaching here. About forty of my boys came from the south to Baltimore to enter my school, and had I not changed my religion I would probably be teaching to-day. Some time after I came here, however. I grew convinced that my religious ideas were wrong, and from being an Episcopalian I was converted to Catholicism and became a member of the Catholic church. The most of my students were Episcopalians, and when their p rents learned of the change in my religious belief they withdrew their ons from the school, and the resalt was that I eventually gave up teaching. In the meantime I had written some short stories, which were published in a southern magazine that was then printed here in Baltimore. These now form past of my book, known as the 'Dukesborough Tales.' They attracted attention, but I never thought of their having any money Talue until one day Mr. Alden, the editor of Harper's Magazine, asked me what I had received for them. He was surprised when I told him that I had written them for nothing, and he said that he would be glad to have me do some writing for Harper's, and that if I could give him stor es I ke those he would pay for them. I then wrote some stories for Harper's. They were published and paid for, and I have been writing from that time to this. My first story was published after I was fifty years of age." As Richard Malcolm Johnston said

this I looked into his bright blue eyes and could not realize that he was more than seventy years of age. It is true that his hair and mustache are frosted silver, but his cheeks are rosy with health and his voice has the silvery ring of youth. He is a tall. straight, fine-looking man, and he is full of enthusiasm and life. He is modest in the extreme concerning himself and his work, and he told me that it was a continual surprise to him that I is stories were accepted by the magazines. "I suppose," said he, "it is because they are to a lar extent of historical value. They picture a people and a time which is fast passing away. Trey are true to life, and they are merely my remembrances of the people of my boyhood. The dialect which I use is the language of the people among whom I was raised, and my characters are real characters, with their names changed."

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Undoubted v some democrats-those for revenue only like the "conservatives' in the senate-would become republicans if the democratic party makes income tax laws that will touch their precous profits But ten timesas many poor wage-earning republicans would become democrats because of the income tax laws Three-fourths of the voters of either party in the east, as well as in the south and west, are in favor of an income tax and would be glad to vote for it if they had an opportunity to do so, free from entangling alliances with other party questions. Let both parties agree to decide this question by a vote of the people next tall and see what would be the result. Imagine the masses of voters, twentytive per cent of whose wages are taken in taxes, voting against the proposition to take two percent of the surplus profts of the rich, in order to relieve the burden upon the poor. Even in New York elty, the home of the millionaire and multi-millionaire, three times as many votes would be cast for as against the income tax. New York's 1,200 millionaires, in control of all but one or two of the leading newspapers there, court not, by any form of argument, induce the voters to vote against their own and in favor of the plutocrats' interests. Education in matters of taxation has gone too far and the evils of indirect taxation have become too apparent to

the leaders of the working men. Another great mistake made by these same wealthy classes-and many editors of so-called democratic papers are included-consists in supposing that the masses prefer a tax of one cent per pound or more on sugar, to absolutely free and cheap sugar. The lesson of cheaper sugar with lower duty converted many a wage-carner to the democratic position on the tariff; the lesson of dearer sugar, with higher duty, would convert some of them back to the republican party, and others to some third party that would agree

always to reform the tariff downwards. Free sugar and an income tax are two of the most popular measures proposed by either party. Pass both and the democratic party may save itself. even at this late date. Refuse to pass one of them and the democrats may count upon defeat next fall Refuse to pass both and defeat is almost certain, not only in 1894, but in 1896; and perhaps before 1896 we may even see tariff measures passed over the president's vetoes Let any democratic senator or editor, who believes to the contrary and who thinks that the average voter will not object to a few dollars' sugar tax each year, visit the homes of the wage-earners and discuss this question at the breakfast table. - IL W. II

COMMENTS OF THE PRESS.

-The republican newspapers are now engaged in carrying next November's elections for their party. This is not the first time the republican party has attempted to anticipate the output of the political incubator. - N. Y. World.

-It will disappoint the calamityhowlers of the g. o. p. to learn that the deficiency in the revenues of the government for the fiscal year is not to be so great as was anticipated. It should console them to reflect that it is not their fault - Detroit Free Press -The more the matter of pensions

is looked into the more apparent it becomes that the republicans ran the department as the main shaft in their huge political machine and that they are still utilizing it to the extent of heir ability in that direction. - Detroit Free Press.

-The democratic party has not only accomplished nearly all it promised to the reople, but it has restored confidence by undoing some of the mischief done by its predecessors. And vet, in the face of all this, it is no uncommon thing to hear democrats talking of their party in an apologetic or pessimi tic vein. Up to this time the democracy is all right, and we believe it will triumph over its enemies, both within and without. - Baltimore News.

-The opium smugglers, or "cookers," as they are called, of British Columbia are raising a big purse for a crusade at Washington to have the high tariff retained on prepared opium.
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A YEAR OF POWER.

Splendid Record Made by the Democracy One year ago the democrats assumed control of the national government after a total or partial exclusion from

power for over thirty years. They found the tariff taxes higher than at any previous period in the history of the government. They found a treasury deficiency impending where they had left a surplus. They found the free gold excess of nearly \$100,000,-000, turned over by President Cleveland four years before, scattered in foreign lands. They found the country on the verge of a monetary panic owing to the operations of a republican silver-purchas claw. They found on the statute book the skeleton of an elections force law which the republicans had desperately endeavored to strengthen with federal bayonets at the polls.

What is the record of the year? The World has not shunned the duty of criticising the administration and the democrats in congress when the honor and welfare of the country required it. But in spite of blunders and delinquencies it is true and it deserves to be said that not in half a century before has the first year of a new administration and a new congress been so rich in important public services as has the year which has just ended.

The Sherman silver-purchase act has been repealed. So mischievous had this law, passed solely by republican votes, become that business men of all parties united in demanding its repeal. The firm attitude of the democratic administration secured an unconditional stoppage of silver purchases, and for the first time since the passage of the Bland act, in 1878, the currency of the country was relieved of the danger of debasement.

The elections law has been repealed. With it disappeared the last vestige of centralized coercion, the fruit of the war. Elections are hereafter to be free. The threat of 'a bayonet behind every ballot"-of the party in power doing, as Speaker Reed said the republican party intended to do, "its own registration, its own counting and its own certification"-is removed. This achievement alone is enough to have made the first year of the democratic restoration memorable.

A genuine tariff-reform bill has passed the house. The Wilson bill is the most scientific and just tariff measure that has passed either house of congress in thirty years. If enacted into law it will free the great body of the people from needlessly burdensome taxes, it will relieve our manufacturers from a hindering handicap, it will enlarge the activities and increase the rewards of labor. It executes the mandate of the people. It fulfills the oftrepeated pledge of the democratic par-

There has been a promising start in pension reform. The greatest source f extravagance and fraud in the entire federal system has been boldly and honestly attacked. The pension appropriation bill reported to the house is nearly \$15,000,000 less than the amount appropriated for the current fiscal

This is a record of which the democratic party has a right to be proud, despite the shortcomings and wronggoings in other directions.

As to the reverse side of the picture there is this to be said: Every mill that is closed was shut up under the operation of the McKinley fifty per cent. tariff. Every workingman that is unemployed is idle under the law that was framed ostensibly to "protect" him. Every dollar of increase in the public debt represents a dollar of the republican deficiency. Every lack in the treasury is due to the republican law which cut revenue by raising taxes. Every expedient to obtain gold to maintain the public credit is the necessary result of the net loss of gold to the country during the republican administration of over \$122,000,000. Every deficiency, increasing payment from the public treasury, bears the

sign manual of a republican president. That there are dangers ahead of the democratic party none will deny. But the record of its first year in power challenges comparison with any similar period in the history of the country. -N. Y. World.

THE TWO WILL NOT CONFLICT. No Silver Bill to Be Reported Until the

State Bank Matter is Over. Washington, April 9.--Chairman Bland has announced that he will not call the coinage committee together to report a silver bill until action is taken on the state bank tax bill. He does

not wish to embarrass the latter wi h the former or cause the two to contrict. He discredits the statement that the state bank tax fight will retard silver legislation. He does not think the passage of a state bank bill will injure the cause of silver. Mr. Bland says, on the contrary, that the repeal of the state bank tax will increase, instead of decrease, the demand for silver.

Adams 'Hopes Are Gone. CITY OF MEXICO, April 9.- The highest court of Mexico has confirmed the sentence of death recently passed upon Charles Adams, the American who murdered a waiter in a restaurant here three years ago. Adams comes of a

the American colony have used every effort to have his sentence lightened. He will probably be shot within the next few days. Ogden Will Succeed Blanchard. SHREYEPORT, April 9 .- It is now reasonably certain that H. W. Ogden will succeed Blanchard from the Fourth

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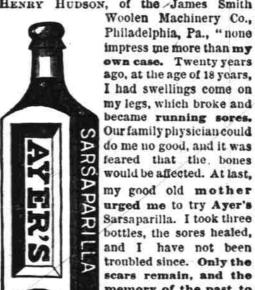
A Chance for the Republican Moral Ex-

tractor to Ger in Ilis Work. The reported lynching of a negro brings several reflections forcibly to the mind. One of the first reflections that thus come thronging is the reflection how easy it must have been, in exciting times, to write "editorials" for the republican press. It is true that so far as the articles w culty atter in off year wrought u by the dar orial write usua! vcry at and let lessness. a godsend fanely, a elbows to promiscuo One of the the saddle be that the vival of th race hatred tempt for desire of t toiling m by the circumstances of the latest lynching. It did not take place in any mond 9.0 and 10.40 A. M. Returning leave lichmond 3.10 and 4.45 P. M. daily except sunday; arrive 1.10 mond 3.10 and 4.45 P. M. daily except sunday; arrive 1.10 mond 3.10 and 4.45 P. M. daily except sunday; arsouthern state, but in Pennsylvania, the seat and citadel of current republicanism, which gave a majority against the democrats and the Wilson bill at the last election of something like two thus requires great ingenuity, and we shall look with curiosity to see what use the moral extractor makes of his unpromising material. -N. Y. Times.

--- Who has ever heard a protectionist give a valid reason for his belief? His reasons for believing in protection would apply equally well for belief in polygamy or plutocracy or phonography. Everything that he can see has happened under polygamy, plutocracy and phonography has happened under protection-and what has happened has had the same relationship to the one as to the other. He thinks it was protection, and not phonography. but only because he is told to think so. -N. Y. World.

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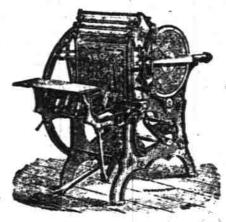
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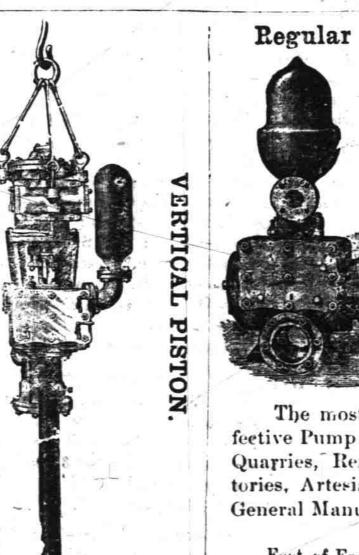
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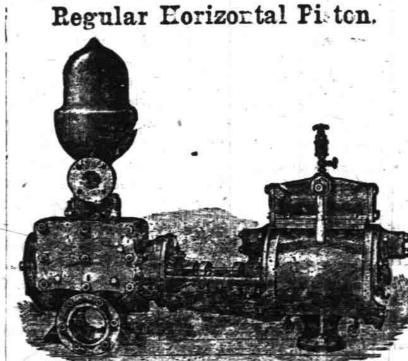
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