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Dr. Glenn, the largest wheat grower in California, pronounces the wheat profit so small that he must seek diversity of culture for his 45,000 acres.

Mr. Sassoon, an Indian millionaire, has put his stables on the top of his house in Belgrave square, London. The horses are carried up by an elevator.

The committee appointed by Bishop Potter to investigate the case of ex-Shepherd Cowley, who was sent to prison for cruelty to children in his charge, continue to examine witnesses in secret session. The ex-Shepherd is usually present at the meetings. It is supposed the committee will conclude their investigation early next week.

Cardinal Manning recently issued instructions in England that all the congregations be requested to observe the customary three days' "truce of St. Patrick." This is a foreign idea not yet imported into the United States. It means that Irish Catholics will voluntarily bind themselves to abstain from all intoxicating drinks on the eve of the national festival of Ireland's Patron Saint, on the feast day itself and the succeeding day, and that during this interval they will not enter houses where such drinks are sold.

L. Q. C. LAMAR.

The Augusta Constitutional in a column and a half editorial devoted to the prominent actors in the discussion in the Senate on Friday last, indulges in quite a panegyric upon the distinguished Senator from Mississippi, L. Q. C. Lamar. We give below an extract from this article, and at the same time give our hearty endorsement also to the sentiments expressed by the Constitutional in regard to the noble Mississippian. Says our contemporary:

Senator Lamar, of Mississippi, is a born Georgian and a born genius. He comes from a race of soldiers and states men and poets. When a mere stripling, he dashed into politics and came very near securing an election to Congress when scarcely old enough to hold a seat in the House of Representatives. In those days, an ambitious young man was forced into the political arena, and also, in those days, there was a galaxy of intellectual and aspiring youth hard to match the world over. Among those brilliant, gifted, soaring minds, L. Q. C. Lamar had a possible equal in the wonderful Kenan, but surely no superior. In the North, Mr. Lamar would have, in our opinion, become a University professor, compiler of books, a famous writer, a literary man of the first order. In the South, he has given to politics what was perhaps, as in the case of Edmund Burke, meant for mankind. We have heard him, in moments of inspiration pour forth an eloquence at once logical, epigrammatic, nervous, far-reaching and all alive with the rhapsody that comes from the magical power of the imaginative faculties subordinated to pure reason. In those moments he would be come transformed, his great face would glow into something better than comeliness, sparks would flash from his gray eyes, that now seemed turned inward for soul communion, and then projected in fiery radiance upon the listener, who was held in thrall. We have often wondered why he did not carry into the Senate that marvellous improvisation, but the marvel ceased when an acquaintance with that body exhibited it as an ordinarily depressing one, especially to such an electric and moody genius as Senator Lamar. We say moody, because he is a man of moods. This is his sole eccentricity. He has his bad days and his good days. When the first occur, he is best left in solitude until the noble spring, temporarily clouded, clears itself. When the sun shines upon his whole physical and mental structure, he is the kindest and gentlest and most lovable of public characters. We have said that Mr. Lamar has deep down in his soul the true sentiment of the poet and philosopher, as distinct from the outward growth of the politician. Of course, the literary element colors and fuses and illumines his whole existence and achievement as a statesman; under a different environment and in another civilization he would have vastly preferred scholarship to politics. He once said to a Southern gentleman who happened to have written two poems of some note: "My dear sir, I dislike to say it to your face, but I envy you the production of those poems, and I would that it were in your power to give me one or both, to have and to keep as my own and to be known as my authorship. What a great, what a glorious fate to have embalmed in living verse the thought that has struggled for utterance by a whole people!" The reply was that Senator Lamar had no cause to envy any one, least of all the poor poet; but he still insisted that the man who interpreted and uttered the unutterable thought of a people, in a great crisis, had a compensation not accorded to a politician or a millionaire. This little incident is given to demonstrate how largely his nature is saturated with the genuine classic ideal.

"The glory that was Greece, And the grandeur that was Rome!" Mr. Lamar barely failed, in his young youth, to be a Georgia Congressman. Because of that early mischance and the peculiar events causing it, he left this State and, somewhat in the spirit of Rienzi, vowed that he would presently return and with honor from abroad. He swiftly made good his promise, and when again passing through Georgia, it was on his way to Washington as a Representative from Mississippi. From that time to this L. Q. C. Lamar has been one of the most prominent of American statesmen, and one of the strongest individually. He has not always acted or spoken as some of his party friends approved at the time; but he has lived to see them occupy the ground afterward that he had advanced from, and to gratefully endorse what they had, in a moment of passion, but in a loss of confidence in the man, condemned. On all principles of importance he stands fast to party. On all issues he assumes an independence honorable to himself and his constituency. He is the master of his own soul, and sad indeed will it be for the State of Mississippi when his voice is no longer heard in her councils and his seat vacant in the Senate. He is a great man, and one worthy of being the son of Georgia and Mississippi too. Up to the time of his unfortunate encounter with Mr. Conkling, he had perhaps more influence for good at the North than any other Southern statesman. Why Mr. Conkling ever compelled that encounter, is mysterious. He knew that Mr. Lamar admired his talent extravagantly, and sought to have the most amicable personal relations. Blind indeed, and rancorously morbid, indeed, must the New York Senator have been, when, in an instant, he woke the lion that only slumbers in Lamar's nature, and forced him to wheel suddenly, and smite his adversary down.

Washington Letter. WASHINGTON, D. C., April 1, 1881. The President continues to pile upon the Senate table nominations for all sorts of offices. The failure to confirm any of them does not stop the supply. The President, however, believes the dead-lock in the Senate cannot last long. Feisty Blaine shares this belief with the President, and being the better politician of the two, probably his faith is based on knowledge of means being employed to get the Senate machinery in motion. Mr. Blaine has many friends in the Senate, and he will use some of them in an effort to bring that body up to the point of confirming Robertson as Collector of the port of New York, thus, not only serving his chief, but feeding fat the ancient grudge he bears Conkling. Besides, Republican Senators of good sense see that the party cannot afford to have the Senate continue to neglect the very business for which it was summoned. The "dead-lock" will be broken within a week. There will probably come a memorable struggle between the administration and the Radical Senators in some nomination, and between the Radical and Democratic Senators on other nominations. Take the nomination of Wm. E. Chandler, for instance, as Solicitor General, in which position, if confirmed, he will be influential in selecting deputy marshals in the South. He is the most uncompromising hater living, of everything pertaining to the Southern States. His nomination will be vigorously fought by every Democrat. There are already reports also that several Republicans will vote against his confirmation. One of them would be enough, even if Malone should vote for confirmation. The Government clerks in this city have just formed a "central organization" made up of delegates from different State associations. The sole object is to hunt up and secure the dismissal of every Democrat employed by the United States in this District. Most of these Democrats secured their places through competitive examinations. There is excellent authority for saying that the President will not permit one of these to be removed if he has performed his duties well. But there are lots of Republicans here who do not think as President Garfield does on this subject. It is said that the President, or several Secretaries, by his direction, will soon issue a circular concerning the interpretation to be given to the "eight hour law." It will be to the effect that no change can be made in the instructions issued under the previous administration. While this will be a disappointment to many laborers under government, who have petitioned the President on the subject, it seems to be in exact accordance with the law as construed by the Supreme Court. Speaking of this Court reminds me that there is no longer any doubt whatever that the services of Judge Clifford are forever lost to it. He has been taken to Maine, his home, hopelessly broken in mind. The Judge was appointed by President Buchanan, and was one of the most exact, careful and well-informed men who ever sat on the bench. GURDIE.

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