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CONKLING RULES THE ROOST.

If there is any glory in the dead-lock, which has existed in the United States Senate since the in-coming of the present administration, it certainly belongs to Roscoe Conkling; if there is any shame (and no one will doubt that it is) he is responsible in a great measure, although a large share of odium necessarily attaches to those Senators over whom he continues to exercise such a despotic control.

It is well known that President Garfield is very anxious that the Senate should act at once, not only upon the nominations which he has made that require Senatorial confirmation, but also that several treaties with foreign powers demand the immediate attention of that body. It is also well known that every Democratic Senator has all the time been anxious to go into executive session for those purposes, and more recently, that several Republican Senators have inclined to the same object. This idea had gotten so far that we have been advised through the press that the dead-lock would be broken at once. Senators Hoar and Dawes, of Massachusetts, have had repeated conferences with the President, and had become converted to the necessity of an executive session and with that much-to-be desired object in view a caucus of the Republican Senators was held when it was expected that the way would be arranged for its accomplishment. Several Senators, aside from the two we have named, were known to be favorable to the movement, and it was thought that the movement would meet with but little opposition. But Conkling was there in all the pride and arrogance of his imperious nature and all plans and purposes were made to yield to his wishes. Not one dared to oppose him, and, consequently, the caucus, so far as expediting the business of the Senate was concerned, was a dead failure. So far as the administration of the affairs of the government are involved President Garfield is a nonentity and Roscoe Conkling has complete and undisputed control. How long this condition of things will continue is uncertain, but it is becoming daily more painfully evident that we may hope for no better until the Autocrat from New York is satisfied. There is no sign that a Democrat will yield—they cannot—the President is stubborn and Conkling is also stubborn and implacable. The latter has absolute control of the Republican side of the Senate Chamber, in spite of Garfield, and to all appearances he will continue to maintain his supremacy against all odds. Neither can yield without a confession of defeat by the other, and neither will be willing to place himself in such a humiliating predicament, for, defeat to either is political disgrace and consequent ruin. It is a "Root hog or die" fight on both sides.

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Death of General John S. Preston. Despatches from Columbia, S. C., announce the death there at 2 o'clock yesterday afternoon of General John S. Preston, one of the most influential and estimable citizens of South Carolina. General Preston was born near Abington, Va., April 20, 1809. He was educated at the University of Virginia and afterwards studied at the Law School of Harvard University. In 1830 he married Miss Caroline Hampton, a daughter of General Wade Hampton and a sister of the present United States Senator of that name. He was engaged for a number of years in sugar planting in Louisiana, where he owned large estates, but he always made his home in Columbia, S. C., and in 1848 was elected to the Legislature of that State, where he soon gained considerable reputation as an orator, a reputation which was increased by his addresses before the '76 Association of Charleston, the literary societies of South Carolina College, and particularly by his oration delivered at the celebration of the seventy-fifth anniversary of the battle of Kings Mountain. General Preston was a younger brother of that eminent orator and statesman, William Campbell Preston, L. L. D., who having studied law in the office of William Wirt at Richmond, and having attended the lectures of Hope, Playfair and Brown at Edinburgh, while visiting Europe in 1816-19, won his place very early in life as one of the most gifted and successful members of the American bar, William C. Preston was elected a member of Congress in 1824, and distinguished himself by his advocacy of free trade and State rights. He became a member of the United States Senate in 1834 and at once took a high rank in that body as a debater. Senator Preston died in May, 1860. General John S. Preston, who not only possessed many of the eminent intellectual qualities of his distinguished brother but also shared in his political convictions, was made Chairman of the South

Carolina delegation in the Democratic Convention at Charleston. After the election of Lincoln, General Preston was appointed a Commissioner to Virginia, and in February, 1861, made an elaborate plea at Richmond, urging an immediate withdrawal of that State from the Union. He threw himself with enthusiasm into the secession movement and entering the Confederate service fought gallantly through the war. After the war closed, he took no active part in affairs and appeared but little in public. He was roused, however, to make a final expression of his opinions in a remarkable address before the Alumni of the University of Virginia in June, 1872, soon after the nomination of Horace Greeley, in which he proclaimed himself still a believer in the ideas for which he had fought. General Preston left New York to return to his home a few weeks ago, suffering from a general debility which was much aggravated by the unexpected death of his only surviving son and of a most accomplished daughter, Mrs. Lowndes. In person General Preston was remarkable for his magnificent physique and graceful carriage. His manners were urbane and polished. Consistent and persevering in his convictions, he defended those convictions with an ardor tempered by his natural courtesy and his delicate consideration for the rights of others. Two daughters, Mrs. Darby and Mrs. Frost, of Charleston, survive him.

Chicago has taken the lead among the cities against the unsightly telegraph wires by passing an ordinance compelling their burial.

A little three-year old, while her mother was trying to get her to sleep, became interested in some outside noise. She was told that it was caused by a cricket, when she sagely observed: "Mamma, I think he ought to be oiled."

A Wisconsin girl's innate modesty caused her to ask a clerk in a store for a pair of limbing when she wanted leggings. The struggle for the cake now lies between her and the Missouri girl, who tells strangers that during the war the enemy threw up bust works on her father's farm.—Quincy Argosy.

Lord Lore's income has just been added up by the arithmetical person, and it is found that he and his wife have \$215,000 a year between them. As Governor General of Canada he gets \$50,000 a year and a furnished house, and his father is said to allow him \$14,000 a year. The Princess has \$30,000 a year from Parliament, and it is alleged that her mother gave her, when she married, \$150,000, on which she draws interest to the amount of \$6,000. And yet the housekeeping at Rideau Hall is said to be anything but liberal; and it is declared that cheese-parings and candle ends are closely looked after.

Incomprehensible: A man in Carlton thrashed his wife and then hanged himself to avoid arrest. There is something a little singular about the man's action. If he had hanged his wife and then thrashed himself, or if he had thrashed himself and then hanged his wife, or if he had hanged himself and then thrashed his wife, or if his wife had thrashed him and then hanged herself and then hanged him, or if she had hanged herself and then thrashed him, or even if they had thrashed each other and then hanged themselves, there might have been some sense in it but for a man to hang himself because he had thrashed his wife seems a singular occurrence in these enlightened days.—Rome N. Y. Sentinel.

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