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The columns of the newspapers are filled with accounts of destructive fires North and South, and from all appearances the insurance companies will be very heavily taxed to make good the losses occasioned by such wholesale destruction of property.

Miss West, the daughter of the En glish minister, is much admired Washington for the skill and tast with which she plays the hostess in her father's house. She is only eighteen, and had not long been out of her conven when she started for Washington. She shows in entertaining the grace and sel possession of an experienced married wo man, and a youthful gentleness that adds to her charm.

As might have been expected, and as in fact, they were bound to do, the Balti more City Council, on the 31st ultimo met and adopted a resolution accepting Enoch Pratt's offer of a free library, and requesting the law officers of the city to ascertain what legislation is necessary to enable the corporate authorities to recieve the trust upon the terms proposed by Mr. Pratt, and to report the sam to the City Council with a draft of the necessary acts or ordinances.

There certainly must be some profitable newspaper enterprises, for we notice Mr. Hugh Hastings, of the New York Commercial Advertiser, has sold his residence in that city for \$96,000. This shows that either that paper is a very profitable concern or that he had the property left him by some rich relative, who might have acquired it in the fish and oyster trade. But it is very evident that where one newspaper is financially successful fifty are dead failures, and the mournful history of different newspaper enterprises abundantly establishes the Texas Siftings.

There is a proposition before Congress to reduce the postage on letters to all parts of the country to two cents for each half ounce and in that proportion for letters of heavier weight. We see no reason why some such suggestion might not become a law, and, in fact, we believe that it would prove beneficial to the country in a financial point of view, as well as of immense benefit to the general public. It costs not an iota more to convey a half-ounce letter through the mails than it does to carry a postal card, which the government not only transports, but it furnishes the material also upon which the message is written.

Director Richard, of the Mint Bureau of the Treasury Department, says that the prices commonly quoted for mutilated coins, 65 cents for dollar pieces, 35 cents for halves, 15 cents for quarters, five least bit of it.' cents for dimes and four cents for half dimes, were not fixed by the Government, but are said to have been given by deal ers anxious to obtain them as bullion far below their real value. They are bought Jones, the butcher. Three years ago he by the mint in Philadelphia by weight bullion, the price at present being \$1.13 - per ounce fine, equal to \$1.07 standard. Owing to frequent inquiries regarding the prices of such coins the mint bureau has prepared a circular relating thereto. which is handed or sent to inquirers. The penalty for mutilating UnitedStates coin is imprisonment for not more than two years and a fine of not more than \$2,000

Just after the war and during the days of reconstruction, there was nobody so good in American politics as he who wore the black shin of the negro. They wore the black shin of the negro. They were good enough for the offices, made excellent soldiers and were the best voters in the world. It soon become apparent, however, that all the important, honorable and lucrative offices could be filled without the aid of the colored race. It also become evident that they were not necessary as soldiers and three of the four original regiments in the army were mustered out and disbanded. An effort is now being made to muster out the remaining regiment, and it will probably prove successful. They yet remain valuable as voters, but it requires so much care and caution to deal with them and so much diplomacy to keep them from kicking in the political traces, that those who depend upon them chiefly for support, would gladly see them relegated back to the position they occupied immediately after the war and before they were clothed with the right of suffrage.

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The money paid to the United States by Great Britain on what are known as "Alabama claims" promises to be the subject of legislation to the end of time. Seven or eight millions of it remain undistributed to individual claimants, and various interests seek to obtain the amount through action of Congress. No class of claimants is strong enough to secure what it wants, and every attempted combination of interests has so far fail ed. The money does not belong to the government, for the government only represented despoiled citizens in its demand on Great Britain, but there seems no prospect of getting the money out of the Treasury, though as long as it remains there it will be the fruitful source of lobbying, bribery and the other sins incident to the direct appropriation of money outside of the regular course of government business.

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Coming out of a vocal and instrumen tal concert the other night, two young women in eye-glasses were heard conversing thus: "Wasn't that a splendid concert?" "It was, indeed; and that last selection-it was just too lovely for anything." "So it was; so sublime and grand and soulful and earnest, don't you know. Why, I couldn't understand the

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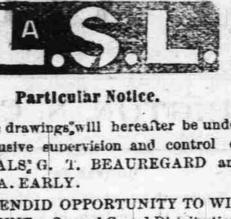
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