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WILMINGTON, N. C .: THURSDAY MORNING, May 12, 1881

#### MORIAL DAY. The attendance on Memorial Day

was not more certainly than one third -we doubt if one fourth-what it was in 1877. We do not think our people are losing interest in the ceremontes so much as becoming tired of the absolute discomforts that attend the celebration. Owing to the distance, the heat, the dust or the mud, as the case may be, to walk either alone or to go in the procession is very trying upon children, delicate ladies, old men and invalids. Even the healthful, who have a proper regard for cleanliness, and comfort would like to avoid the dust, the reckless riding, the constant roll of vehicles covering pedestrians with dust or mud, if there has been a recent rain. Altogether, the attendance and interest have kept up wonderfully, all things considered, but the numbers are growing less gradually, and we have thus early for next year a suggestion to make, so that the Memorial Association may consider it in time if they so elect. The point is to secure a general turn out. Yesterday, the Day was better and more generally observed than usual in the closing of stores and the suspension of business. But to the suggestion. We think

it would answer all the ends equally well and give more satisfaction to hundreds if a change were made in the arrangements. Let the procession be formed on Third street, and thence march to Front, up Front to Chesnut, up Chestnut to Third, and theace to the Opera House, where \_\_\_\_ speaking, &c., should take place. After the exercises are ended there, then let the people with vehicles go to the cemetery and decorate the graves of the boys who wore the grey. We do not enter into details, but give a hint only as to a change

We believe that the proposed change would be gratifying to all concerned. The point is, to have the ceremonies in town and the decoration

No living man can look towards the North and speak against creation. We have for years attended the ceremonies, but have not yet heard but little of what any speaker had to say What we could hear of Col. Moore's address, and he spoke with marked distinctness and appropriate elecution generally, as far as we could judge, we thought in excellent taste and gracefully and happily done. If you will have your speaking in doors it will be much more pleasant to the speaker and to those who go to listen. A favored few are treated to all of the patriotic eloquence, whilst the masses whose sons and brothers fought, the battles of the South are shut out unable to gatch but now and

then the echo of the speaker's voice. If some change is not made we believe the attendance will be less year after year until at last the custom will grow into absolute disuctude.

We for one would be glad to see the change made. We may mention that in Richmond the exercises are conducted always in the city, and afterwards the graves of the heroes are decorated becomingly. If the Opera House is too small and speaking must be outdoors then the stand and seats should be erected at some suitable place, on Third street say, and the procession formed at the City Hall.

There can never be any want of carriages to take the members of the Association to the cemetery to decorate the graves among a people who bear in their hearts the memorice of the men who fought for Southern altars and firesides and the graves of their sires." Every considerate, liberal person owning a vehicle would gladly put it at the command of the Association when not to be used by himself for the same purpose. There is one point that should not be overlooked. Pedestrians, the far more numerous class, are compelled to walk in the narrow road over which boys dash with ponies and horses, and where vehicles of all sorts are rolling amid a cloud of dust. There were hundreds yesterday who went to the gemetery covered with the dust of riders who will not repeat the experiment. Mark the prediction. There is considerable danger attending it furthermore.

#### THE GREAT POSTAL PRAUDS.

We presume to say that after readng an account of the Star Route rauds in Oregon to be found in the dispatches in yesterday's STAR, no one can doubt as to the guilt of Senstor Dorsey, the carpet-bagger who misrepresented Arkansas at one time in the United States Senate, and who was the chief agent used by the Republicans in stealing Indiana from the Democrats last year. Dorsey is a fair specimen of the class of Northern bummers who came into the South after the war to depridate and blast as with the mildew of death. But at last his rascalities-or some much to the dismay and mortification of the Republican leaders who employed him to do their dirty work in debauching the people and corrupting the ballot in Indiana.

The New York Times of Monday contains a very full history of the great Star Route fraud, occupying eleves of its broad columns. It shows how vast was the scheme of plunder. A careful study of the records has resulted in throwing much light upon the villamies of Brady, Dorsey and the remainder of the secondrels. is one of the most disgraceful chapters in the history of the Republican party, which has been blotched and stained with so many crimes and so much corruption. It reveals to the tax-payers a lesson of corruption and unfaithfulness; shows them how their earnings have been wasted, misappropriated and stolen; gives them glimpses of the recklessness of officeholders, and how robberies are perpetrated boldly and with impunity. As the Times shows, the United States laws in regard to the Postal Service. are very weak and inadequate, can be taken advantage of easily by designing and corrupt men. The rottenness of Brady's department is laid bare thoroughly so that no Republican can fail to understand and see it. The Times shows how Brady improved upon an old defective system, adapting it readily to his corrupt ends. It shows the system of bidding and the method of awarding contracts, gives a history of certain.

revelation. The Times has an editorial also on the postal frauds. When the ablest Republican paper in the United States has this to say of the great William H. Vanderbilt. fraud in the Administration of Hayes, himself a great Braud, it is high time the people were awake and alert. Grant's Administration is known to have been covered from beginning to end with corruptions; and now it begins to appear, and in a most atartng way, that Hayes's term marked too by the most gigantic frauds, rivalling the great Whiskey Ring frauds of Grant's era. But here is the way the Times opens its

route and Colorado service, together

with the straw-bids of Chase An-

drews and other corrupt contractors.

Altogether it is a most astonishing

"No. American cuties can trace in the unvariabled and simple statements which we submit the greed the trackery and the torplinde of those to whom great public interests were intrusted sittout a sense of humiliation as well as indignation. The proof of rescality is entirely clear from the harest synopsis of the official record. That the money of the but-payers was being sinon dered on men who rendered no service, that the safe-guards erected by the law were being detherately broken down, that the requirements of the statutes were being impured and the statutes were being impured and the statutes were being detherately broken down, that the requirements of the statutes were being impured and the statutes were being impured and the statutes were being impured and support to opposition to the party in power can gain the confidence of the people; there would be little hesitation in making a change at the next election of the property of the property

the 'best civil service world has ever seen, complemently, and on doubtless corruptly, watched the rebry of the public, and gave no sign. We not that our Government is representate; it is by the people for the people; who we should not blush when we perceive what sort of men we have in these cases been represented, and what standard of honesty and fidelity these chosen agents of ours indicate as that of their employers?"

It is very strange that papers not edited by infidels and Nihifists should insult their Christian readers from day to day with long reports of that monthing mountebank and blasphemer, Bob Ingersoll. It is a shame, and no decent excuse can be given for such treatment. We give two small samples from that Agnostic sheet, the Washington Post, of the ravings of the vulgar infidel:

God had no time to protect the poor. He was too busy counting hairs and watching falling sparrows. [Laughter and applause.] He was too busy looking out for blasphemers. "By an ingenious reasoning Col. Inger-

soll proceeded to prove that Jesus Christ himself was an infidel." We beg pardon for copying such borrible stuff. We merely wish our readers to see a specimen of the revolting nonsense dished up by papers

nine-tenths of whose readers despise

the rayings of Ingersoll. Our readers no doubt saw what Senator Voorhees said, as reported in the Washington dispatches of the 8th, concerning the collection of customs in New York, the right of the President to appoint his own officers and the "courtesy of Senators." He hit the nail, as we think, equarely on the head. Let the Democrats take the position indicated if they would do right, and have the respect and confidence of the country. Senator Bayard, a man of the highest honor, and a man of brains and experience, takes the view that Voorhees takes.

It was no doubt gratifying to an verwhelming majority of the people when the news was flashed that the Senate Judiciary committee had made an adverse report on the nomination of Stanley Matthews. But few of his own party papers favored his confirmation, Why any Democrat should have desired it passes our understanding. Senator Lamar is pure, incorruptible and able, and still he voted for him in committee. Singu-

The Monroe doctrine will be asserted by this Government. The fact that the Senate Committee on Foreign Relations have reported favorably upon Senator Morgan's strong and advanced resolution in regard to the construction of ship canals, ship railways, &c., across the Isthmus, is almost a guarantee that the Congress will adopt it. It will be popular generally, although a good deal may be said in opposition.

The greatest event of the century in the theatrical world is the Irving-Booth performance in Londor.. A cable special to the New York Tribune says it "is the best tragic representation in modern times;" and that the plays are put on the stage magnificently and the actors are "splendidly supported." But they will not visit Wilmington this

O'Conor Power, A. M. Sullivan, Freeman's Journal and other conservative leaders in the Irish party, accept the Gladstone Land bill as about all they can ask now. It is said of the sixty Home Rulers but seventeen are with the more extreme

Does the election on Prohibition take place on the first Monday or the routes, shows up Peterson's Louisiana | first Thursday in August? Our copy contracts. Dorsey's New Mexico of the bill says first Monday. The Biblical Recorder says it is the first Thursday, Which is correct?

> The new Theological Hall of Vanderbilt University at Nashville, Tennessee, was dedicated with imposing ceremonies on the 8th. The building cost \$100,000, and was the gift of

CUMPENT, COMMENT. - Mr. Parnell opposes the Land bill because it is a reasonable measure, and he is nothing if not nureasonable, but he is not strong enough to carry more than a fraction of the Irish party in the House of Commons with aim. The hasty resolve of the Land League members to refrain from voting at the second reading of the bill will probably be reconsidered, as from present appearances it seems likely that rather more than half of them will vote for it. They cannot afford to oppose the first and only

party that is held together by "the cohesive power of public pluader."— Boston Herald, Ind. Rep.

Salisbury has be much dubitation, chosen to lead the Tory party in the House of Lords. This does not imply a direct succesconstill. The party will now have two chiefs-Sir Stafford Northcote in the House, and Salisbury, in the Peers. Considering the poverty-stricken condition of the Tory ranks, with no men of first-class abilities among its Lords or Commoners, this arrangement is very obviously the very thing the late leader would have advised if the untimely April east wind had not carried him off so suddenly. Lord Salisbury's promotion has more of promise than Northcote's. He is, if not the ideal heritor of his late extraordinary chief, yet in many ways a fit one. Lord Robert Ceci was, not many years ago, a poor underpaid newspaper hack and periodi-cal slasher. There were two hale and hearty lives betwixt him and the splendid marquisate he now bears. It was in 1867 that he inherited the title of Marquis of Salisbury, in his thirty eighth year. He is now fifty-one, an age which is in England considered the sanny prime of a statesman's life. He has been for wenty years in Parliament, always Tory. In all those years he estabished a character for brilliant flippancy, attaining in some of his phiippies almost the acridity of epithet and floridity of vituperation which gave Disraeli his pre-eminence among the amazed mediocraties of Toryism. Oddly enough, his asperity and sarcasm were never indulged more freely than in his attacks upon Disraeli himself in 1867, when, snatching Toryism from its slough of despond and the sluggish sleep of centuries, he planted it in the nakedest ighorance of its own purpose, on the broadest platform of Liberalism and reform. For this Salisbury made no end of denunciation, stigmatizing this "leap in the dark" as a revolution in everything that was sacred in British tradition. Disraeli, however, was impervious to blows from a hand less puissant than Gladstone. His is the only voice that ever shook the Jericho of Toryism.

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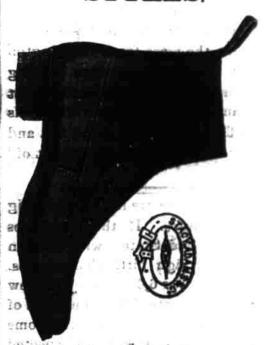
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