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Suppose all the editors who understand their business and who are diligent in the discharge of their duty were to seek office and demand as their right a place commensurate with their necessities and desires and estimated merits, then all of the good places must be given to them.

A politician makes a few speeches in a campaign. He devotes a part of two months to this work. Does he do it from love of truth and from patriotic impulses or from a hope of reward? An editor begins his labors early on January 1, 1884. He piles his pencil and his eyes and his scissors day in and day out until the old year is dead. He has written enough in the way of political discussions to print at last three duodecimo volumes of 450 pages each. This is repeated year after year. He is a teacher of what he considers to be sound political principles. He has not thought of office as his reward. His pay has been the high pleasure derived from duty done. He loves journalism and he desires to magnify his office. He believes that his place as journalist is as high as any office. He has no aspirations for loaves and fishes. He thinks that the power and influence of a conscientious, independent, truth-loving journalist are as great and unmistakable and important as those of any other man who spends his life in sucking at the public teat. So he does not write and advocate Democracy for pay—because he expects office.

It is well that he does not. If all the editors were to turn office-seekers, and the President were to undertake to reward them with office according to "faithful party work," there would be little left for "disinterested patriots" who have never served the party except as voters or as a speaker for a few times every four years.

The President-elect declares that even in appointing Democrats to office one rule will be regarded. He thus states it:

"That while Democrats may expect all proper consideration, selections for office not embraced within the Civil Service rules will be based upon sufficient inquiry as to fitness, instituted by those charged with that duty, rather than upon persistent importunity or self-solicited recommendations on behalf of candidates for appointment."

This is easily understood. So it will not necessarily be—"first to come first served." Possibly the rule of the Scriptures may often apply—"The first shall be last."

SHEEP HUSBANDRY

The STAR for a decade has been doing earnest work in behalf of sheep industry. It has piled up editorial after editorial upon the subject. It wrote and wrote until the sheep and dogs became "stale and unprofitable." It was shown from time to time how important was sheep culture—how profitable both as meat and for the wool crop—how it enriched the land and was a source of wealth to any country. It was pointed out again and again how large a surface of the State was specially adapted to this profitable and pleasant industry. It was exhibited how other countries and States had developed sheep husbandry until it had become of the first importance as a source of revenue. But what came of all this discussion? Ephraim still stood wedded to his idol. The legislator was still a laggard. He was awaiting the action of the people. He was not willing to shoulder responsibility and be a leader in the movement. He was really afraid of the people. He was thinking of re-election.

The fact remains that sheep husbandry can be made profitable in North Carolina. It is impossible, however, that this should be done as long as carnivorous dogs are allowed to depredate at will. Many a farmer in this State has lost from \$50 to \$100 in one night by the damage done to flocks of sheep. The profits of a year have been devoured in a night.

If we are ever to have a profitable and thriving sheep industry in North Carolina it is to be by legislation. The sheep must find friends in the halls of legislation or this important and profitable industry will never flourish in North Carolina. "Chain up the dog." Give the harmless sheep a chance.

Henry Ward Beecher has been picking the ears of his hearers in Plymouth Church with much political talk for some quarter of a century. When the South and Democrats were the theme of his powerful oratory then it was all as it should be. But when he begins to exercise his conscience and turn his mental battery against the dirtiest of American politicians, who of course is a Republican and could not possibly have been anything else, then the parson's politics become an offence, and political preaching is discovered to be

very wrong, very naughty. It is now reported that about forty of the wealthy and influential members of his congregation will not attend hereafter. But Beecher can easily keep his house full, as there is but one Beecher in the world. If his revenues are smaller from pew rents he can live on less or make more by lecturing.

It is possible to advertise crime too much and to the discredit of a State. Some two or three years ago the enterprise of the Galveston News led it to telegraph every day throughout the country one or more crimes, and some of them awfully shocking, that had been perpetrated in Texas. This course advertised the News thoroughly, but it also gave Texas a very bad name. The industry and enterprise were misdirected. Just now there is quite a spirit to the advertising mania in North Carolina. It is almost impossible to open a Northern paper without seeing one or more instances of foul crime recorded and located in North Carolina. The enterprise is misdirected. The industrious hunting of crime has its reward. The crime is found and the heralding of it abroad makes this a hard old State appear as if it was a harbor for rogues, out-throats and incendiaries. Is there more crime really in North Carolina than in the other old States?

Mr. Frederic Harrison, a distinguished literary man of England, begins his discussion of "Fraud's Life of Carlyle," in the January number of the North American Review by saying: "The greatest master of English prose within our generation intrusted the story of his life to one of the most skillful of living writers." This is excellent criticism because it is just. In this nineteenth century no man has been found whose powers of expression equalled those of the sardonic and growing Scotchman of Cheyne Row. His gift of language was certainly beyond that of any English writer since Shakespeare, unless possibly Milton is to be excepted. No man of sense and candor who has read all or much of his thirty octavo volumes or the many volumes containing his wife's letters, can have failed to perceive the marvellous fertility of Carlyle's mind, his astounding command of language, his almost unequalled descriptive gifts whether of character or of incident, and the earnestness and depth of his convictions.

OFFICE SEEKERS IN NORTH CAROLINA

Special to New York Times. RALEIGH, N. C., Dec. 27.—In the general scramble now going on among Democrats for office it is generally understood that Mr. Fabius H. Busbee, of this city, is to be United States Attorney for the Eastern District of this State. There are a number of gentlemen who are waiting to know if Mr. Busbee will accept the appointment. The emoluments are small, and it is not known that Mr. Busbee desires the place. If he does not, Messrs. R. B. Peebles, of Northampton county; Thomas Strange, of Wilmington; C. B. Aycock, of Goldsboro, and others will be applicants for the office. The appointment for Postmaster for Raleigh is generally conceded to Capt. Samuel A. Ashe, editor of the daily News-Observer. At first there was a host of applicants, but all of them appear to have given way for Capt. Ashe. The office is worth \$3,000 per year, which will give Capt. Ashe sufficient time to look after his paper, and thus serve the Democratic party and the Government at the same time.

N. C. INSANE ASYLUM

Raleigh News-Observer. The reports of this institution are made by Dr. E. Burke Hayward, President of the Board of Directors, and by Dr. Eugene Grison, the Superintendent, and are for the year ending Nov. 30, 1885. Dr. Hayward says the board are anxious to receive all acutely insane patients as soon as possible. The number of admissions exceeded that of any previous year. In the eastern district of the State, comprising fifty-six counties, as assigned to this asylum, there are 850 white insane. This asylum cannot accommodate more than 250 patients. The wards are constantly crowded. Five-sixths of the cases being chronic. In view of this fact the Board of Directors request the Legislature to make an appropriation to increase the hospital accommodations for the insane in this district. They also request the amendment of the Code so as to relieve them of the burden of keeping the harmless in curables when ordered to be transferred to their counties of settlement. The expenditures for the asylum during the past two years have been greater, and the improvements and repairs much more extensive than anticipated.

Dr. Grison's report says that the total number of admissions since the opening of the asylum, February 22, 1856, is 1,026; the total number of discharges 1,333; of these 428 were cured; 296 unimproved, and 449 died, leaving now under treatment

243. There have been under treatment during the year 149 males and 156 females; a total of 305. The past year the percentage of cures were 24; of deaths, 64. Some figures presented, giving the startling increase in insanity, may be referred to. The total number of insane reported in North Carolina is 2,028, of which 1,591 are white and 438 colored. The two asylums for whites now cared for about 450, leaving 1,141 without such care; and the asylum for colored, at Goldsboro, cares for 200, leaving 219 uncared for. The ratio of the white insane to the whole population of the State is about 1 to 545, and that of colored 1 to 1,416.

The expenses from December 1, 1883, to November 30, 1884, were \$62,844.43, while the available funds were \$60,496.12, so that there was overdrawn \$2,368.30. The expenditure upon the most necessary improvements during that time was \$7,922.06, and the expenditure for the much needed water works was \$2,663.21.

CURRENT COMMENT

But we take the liberty of suggesting to Mr. Randall's critics, as well as to his admirers, that it is quite possible to make a great deal too much fuss over him. Even if Mr. Randall's journey to the South were intended by him as a political "progress" to give his friends there an opportunity to show how the popular heart yearns for him, it would only prove what a very harmless creature he is. No politician, even among those of much heavier calibre than the Republican-Democratic Representative from Pennsylvania, ever accomplished anything by a manoeuvre of this sort. Supposing—that is entirely without justification—that Mr. Randall has a following in the South, and that there is a sentiment of admiration and confidence toward him in that section, nothing could be more dangerous to his future prospects than a tour of this kind. The popularity of a politician is a curious thing. It does not bear repeating.

Gen. Grant bids fair to go down in history as the beneficiary of his personal friends, if not of the nation. The latest opportunity of the proposal to pay Mr. Wm. H. Vanderbilt \$100,000 towards the \$150,000 Gen. Grant borrowed from him to try to save the sinking ship of the financial firm of Grant & Ward—Mr. Vanderbilt with great generosity offering to throw off the odd \$50,000, if Gen. Grant's friends will raise the rest. Considering that the General's houses and farms, awards and medals, and the numerous gifts received from foreign potentates, to say nothing of his pictures and bric-a-brac, are all under executors to satisfy the millionaire's demand, the General's friends, including Cyrus W. Field, G. W. Childs and Anthony Drexel, are understood to be buying themselves to make up the required amount.—N. Y. World, Dem.

A PHOTO OF SENATOR GARLAND

Washington Letter in New York Times. Until it is settled beyond dispute by the public announcement of his appointment it can scarcely be expected that Mr. Garland will talk about himself as a future Cabinet officer. He is a modest, retiring gentleman. Tall, heavy, but not stout, dark of complexion and hair, smooth-faced, not an orator, but a plain, rather rapid talker, who seldom speaks except upon legal propositions or the legal knots presented in Senate debates; he has not "shown off" in the upper branch of the Congress. He evidently enjoys the respect of Mr. Edmunds and other Republican Senators, and never gets into unpleasant or acrimonious controversies with Senators of either party. Visitors to the Senate who are interested in the lives of Senators, never fail to learn that this plain-faced, sallow man, who looks as if he was capable of doing a great deal of work, won the test-oath case as a lawyer in the United States Supreme Court, and are reminded that it was regarded as a very creditable case for any lawyer to have won. Like Mr. Vest, of Missouri, Mr. Garland was not a "Confederate Brigadier," but, like him, he served in the Senate of the Confederate Congress. He was also Governor of Arkansas, and members of Congress from that State agree that he was a very good Governor.

OUR STATE CONTEMPORARIES

Much of the trouble in the courts no doubt arises from the difficulty attending the interpreting of what the law is. We elect representatives to make laws and then pay men high salaries to explain what the legislators mean when they enacted them, and men of the highest culture are required at that.—Concord Times.

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A Steamer Sank from Collision with a Rock—see New York Times. (By Telegraph to the Morning Star.) NORFOLK, Dec. 30.—The steamer John Rorer, running in connection with the Chesapeake and Ohio Railroad, while leaving here this morning, on her 730 north-bound trip to Newport News, came in collision with a mud scow just below the city, and was so badly damaged that she barely had time to be backed on Atlantic City flats, where she now lies in fifteen feet of water. She had on board about forty passengers, all of whom, with their baggage, escaped injury. A dense fog prevailed at the time of the collision.

LULU HURST

Her Wonderful Feats Fail to Stand the Test in Chicago. (By Telegraph to the Morning Star.) CHICAGO, December 30.—The Daily News says: "If Miss Lulu Hurst is possessed of force, other than muscular or nervous, she failed to exhibit it last night to the large audience gathered in Central Music Hall