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EDITORIAL NOTES.

Governor Blackburn, of Kentucky, keeps right on turning the rascals out—of the penilentiary.

Editor Watterson pronounces the story of the reconciliation between Tilden and Kelly "the worst of bosh."

Gov. Holden may not return to the editorial harness, but the probabilities are that he will do some extensive contributing.

Queen Victoria has an income of over $2,000,000. The Czar's income is about $10,000,000. Our income is—well, never mind.

The shot-gun still seems to take the fancy of ex-Governor Sprague. This time its object, however, was not R. C., but less noble game in the shape of a receiver.

The New York "World" says that Roscoe Conkling will not be nominated for President. He will remain in his profession, and is as certain to become the head of the American bar, as he was for nearly fifteen years at the head of the Senate.

Ex-Congressman McLane, of Maryland, says the Democrats of that State will send a Bayard delegation to the National Convention; also, that Robert Lincoln is the only Republican whom the Democrats will be afraid of next year.

Mr. Vanderbilt is alleged by the New York World to have quietly given away $3,000,000 during the past two years. This would seem to afford some explanation for the large amount of mutilated coin in circulation.

Very sensible remarks these, and we wish that the saloon keepers would realize the great evils that the SOUTHERNER speaks of in allowing 'kids' to be trained up to pool playing in their saloons. We do not know to whom the 'SOUTHERNER's remarks apply, but we hope they may be heeded in every necessary case.—[Scotland Neck Commonwealth.]

Some of President Arthur's friends indignantly deny that he is speckled with mosquito and flea bites, baked brown and generally used up, as some of the frontier dispatches represent him to be. They say he is as fresh as a daisy, and a boss excursionist.

Men in the regular army are deserting every day. Their argument is that they did not enlist to use the shovel, hod, carry water and do farm drudgery. If there is any army in the world where the soldier in the ranks is cuffed about and treated like a dog, it is in the U. S. Army. The wonder is that more don't desert.

It is said that in his statements before the senate committee in New York, the other day, Dr. Green, president of the Western Union Telegraph Company, declared that that corporation expected to monopolize the telegraph business of the United States. It is high time for Uncle Sam to put a quietus upon that little game by establishing a postal telegraph.

Frank James may have reason to repent of his confidence in throwing himself into the arms of Governor Crittenden and the people of Missouri. His prospect of resuming his place in society and becoming an honored citizen of the State is growing less and less as the evidence of his bloody crimes accumulate around him.

One of the Kansas postmasters is more than pleased with the new official order. He says when the wife of one of the second-class postmasters officially requests him to beat the carpet, or weed the onion bed, or whitewash the back fence, he can draw out and read Postmaster-General Gresham's order forbidding first or second-class postmasters from absenting themselves from their office. Then he can go out from the sheltering roof of his domicile absorbed in the beautiful thought that "there is no cloud without a silver lining."

The Rocky Mount "Reporter" advocates the claims of Hon. Joseph J. Davis, for Governor. A purer, more upright man does not live than "honest Joe" Davis, of Franklin. The Goldsboro "Messenger" would cheerfully "support him for any position within the gift of the people, but we have his name associated, in our mind, as the man, above all others, who should succeed honest old Dr. Worth as State Treasurer. We learn that Dr. Worth will decline a re-election. Gen. A. M. Scales is our first choice for Governor, and Judge John A. Gilmer our next. With either Scales or Gilmer to head the ticket, and Davis for Treasurer, we can sweep the State by 15,000 majority."

Diamond Earrings for a Dog.

A very handsome young lady, whose name is A. W. Rich, from California, and on her wedding tour, has created quite a sensation at Saratoga. She is stopping at the Grand Union and is to be seen walking up and down the piazza of the hotel for hours at a time in company with a beautiful little black and tan dog. She seems to be wonderfully fond of this pet. The little creature was made a wedding present and cost $400. The lady ordered for the dog earrings and a gold collar of special pattern. The earrings are worth $2,000, and the collar, which is studded with emeralds and pearls, is worth $3,000. This lady and her pet are not only the talk of the town, but have created the greatest sensation known here for years.

Testing Furman's Intensive System.

A good deal has been said in our columns lately about the intensive system of farming pursued by Mr. Farish Furman, of Georgia, and in a trip to Cabarrus county the first part of this week, this writer saw a practical demonstration of its wonderful results. Mr Erwin Harris, a young farmer of Poplar Tent, became interested in the accounts of Furman's intensive system and concluded to try it. He selected an acre of ground which he planted in cotton after Furman's plan. He put on this acre of ground 1,200 pounds of compost. The early season was bad and the cotton did not get a good stand, but, this fact to the contrary notwithstanding, he will make fully three bales from this one acre. The cotton is neck high to a man and there are from 50 to 75 bolls to the stalk Mr. Harris never hoed the cotton, but ran a plough throufih it once or twice. It required little or no labor to cultivate it. He is so well pleased with the result that next year he will, he says, cultivate as much land as his means will allow under this intensive system. Is it simply wonderful and with these practical results before their eyes, it will not be long until all our farmers are pursuing Furman's method.—[Charlotte Journal-Observer.]

A Rich Kleptomaniac.

Mrs. Caroline G. Davis, of Albany, who was arrested at the Foley House, in Saratoga, on Friday last, for attempting, by forgery, to obtain a valuable dress from James McCreery & Co., dry goods merchants at No. 801 Broadway, New York, was taken to the tombs Monday afternoon. Mrs. Davis entered the room calmly and sat quietly in an arm-chair near the justice's desk, without appearing to take much interest in what was going on around her. She is short and slender and her face looks thin and delicate. She wore a handsome black silk dress and a white chip hat, with trimmings of crushed strawberries and an ostrich plume. A heavy veil covered her face.

In answer to the justice's question, Mrs. Davis said that she was twenty-nine years old, and that she was born and had always lived in Albany. Justice Herman granted an adjournment per appearance. The dress which Mrs. Davis tried to secure was valued at $100. Stephen H. Parsons, one of the prisoner's brother's-in-law, said to a reporter that there could be no motive for Mrs. Davis to resort to such methods of wearing apparel, as she had plenty of property in her own right. The estate of her father, amounting to $2,000,000, was still intact, and on her mother's death she will get her share of About two years ago Mrs. Davis was ill for a long time, and was given morphine in large doses by her physicians. She has continued to use the drug since her recovery, and often acted erratically when under its influence.

A CHANCE ACQUAINTANCE.

How a Weakness for Aristocracy Brought Shame and Confusion

An interesting story is going the rounds here of how a fashionable lady and her two, if possible, more fashionable daughters, in traveling from New York to New Port on the Fall River Line, only a short time ago, were very much taken up with a stylishly dressed and athletic young Englishman. He treated the party with the most studied politeness, and extended the ordinary courtesies of a well-bred traveller in such an accomplished manner that the ladies were quite fascinated with him. They casually inquired if he knew Lord "Blank," earl "Ditto," and Duke "So-and-So," of England, and were told by the stranger that he enjoyed the honor of the distinguished noblemen's acquaintance, and he furthermore proved it quite conclusively by relating several anecdotes of each which were satisfactory to the ladies' minds.

Both at once at once jumped to the conclusion that they had discovered some distinguished gentleman of noble family traveling "incog," and invited him to call upon them at their cottage. The young fellow thanked them for their courtesy, and in the landing at Newport they lost sight of him. A few days later while out for a drive with a young friend, the party saw the stranger and bowed to him. Their escort was amazed and inquired: "Do you know who you are recognizing?" The ladies confessed that they did not, and imagine their surprise when told that the handsome Englishman was no more nor less than Charles Mitchell, the prize fighter. A short time after Mr. Mitchell called at the cottage and explained who and what he was, saying, "I am a gentleman, but I am not in what you call society. My father is an English clergyman, in good standing, and his name is Mitchell. I am a prize-fighter." The remainder of the interview was necessarily of short duration, but the scandal consequent to the episode has extended even as far as the fashionable circles of Washington, where the ladies all move in the very best society during their winter sojourn.[Washington letter.]

A Little True Love Story.

[Charlotte Journal-Observer.]

Yesterday as trade had quieted down, a clerk in one of the dry goods stores stepped back to the water-bucket and as as he did so, he observed a couple stowed away in a corner having a sweet little time all to themselves. She wore a light pink dress and a red hat, while the young man was rigged in his best Sunday black, and the apple in his throat was hidden behind an agonizingly high paper collar. It took the clerk a long time to drink a glass of water, but he finally went back to the counters, and it was noticed that every clerk in the house began to get thirsty. The head of the firm finally went back to see what it all meant, and reached the water bucket just in time to see "George" withdraw his arm from around his sweetheart's waist, while he licked a kiss from his moustache with his tongue. She had been sticking him with a pin and after seeing him squirm and wriggle to her heart's content, she gave him the pin with this remark:

"Tick me, George, tick me."

"Hucuck-err Piggie," replied her George, "I love you too much to stick you." And just at this juncture the cold-hearted merchant stepped up to submit his estimate for a wedding outfit to them, when George took his love by the hand and sauntered out. They went into a furniture store and got away back where they remained until the heat of the day was over, when they repaired to Esquire Maxwell's office and George paid $2 for a license. No doubt at some dear little country home last night, George and Piggie stood up before some Squire and the golden knot was tied. Sweet be their hone, moon and happy their days in these lowlands of sorrow.

Governor Jarvis at Boston.

[Norfolk Virginian.]

BOSTON, September 5.—The opening exercises of the American exhibition of the Manufacturers' and Mechanics' Institute took place to-day. The exercises were held at the north end of the building, in the presence of a large number of invited guests. It was 12:15 o'clock before the Governor entered upon the platform, followed by his staff, and guests of the occasion. Among the party were Secretary Chandler, Lieutenant-Governor Ames, and representatives of foreign governments. The exercises began with prayer by Rev. Edward Everett Hale, D. D. Mr. John M. Little, in a few words, presented as presiding officer his excellency Governor Butler, who delivered the opening address. This was followed by speeches from Secretary Chandler, Judge Symmes of Denver, Governor Jarvis of North Carolina, Julia Ward Howe and others, and by Gen. Francis A. Walker.

Governor Jarvis, in responding for the South to Governor Butler's welcome, said: "He came not to 'shake hands over the bloody chasm,' but to clasp hands with New England over the growing prosperity of a united people. The differences which led to the war had been settled. When the Southern people came back into the Union they come pledged to loyalty, but under the reconstruction policy adopted by Congress, they found their State and county governments in the hands of persons who did not serve the interests of the sections in which they lived. This was what made the South solid, not hatred of the government, but a desire for wise laws justly administered. The development of the South had been confined mostly to the past ten years. In North Carolina over twenty new cotton factories had been arected, and the factories in wood and iron were improving, and all over North Carolina to-day there was a spirit of contentment. Our business and public interests, he said, require that there shall be no more harsh speaking of one section by the other. I bid you to join me in this sentiment: "Our United Country—to thee we cling."

Mayor Palmer was the last speaker, and at the close of his remarks, the Governor formally declared the exposition open. The exhibits are far from being perfect. Much space on the main floor is still vacant, and many of the exhibits are incomplete. North Carolina makes the largest exhibit of any single State outside of Massachusetts.

Gov. Holden's Last Shot.

[News-Observer.]

RALEIGH, Aug. 31, 1883.

I published not long since a card in the "News-Observer" that I was no longer a Republican, and that I was not a member of the Liberal party. I had a right to do this. A man in this country may do this as often as he changes his shoes or his hat, and no one can question him therefor. But what I expected has come to pass—that is, I am roundly abused for this act, and the fact that I am *old man* is used, *chivalrously*, to give point to this abuse.

It is also assumed that I have joined the Democrats, and that I will edit a Democratic newspaper. I have a right to join the Democrats if I choose, and I have a right to edit a Democratic paper if I choose; but I am not a Democrat, and I have no idea of editing a paper, though I think I would know how to edit a Democratic paper.

I *was* a Democrat forty years ago, when it was a great and glorious thing to be a Democrat, and I have always had a great respect for that party. I agree with that party in favoring a tariff for revenue only, and I approved Gov. Vance's speech in the Senate in which he labored to reduce the present tariff which is so oppressive to the Southern people; and if I had publicly said this in a little card, I would have been denounced as a renegade from the Republican party for so doing.

The national government has been sectional since 1860, and it is now sectional, in that it does everything for the North and by comparison scarcely anything for the South. It it pays out one hundred millions of dollars per annum in pensions to the conquerers, and doles out to North Carolina a few hundred dollars now and then for improvements, and all the while it drains us by a high tariff and by an internal revenue tax of several millions per annum. Of course I would pay the pensions, but I would allow six-y millions instead of one hundred. I could not as a Republican have conscientiously have supported a high tariff, and that is now the issue between the two parties for the first time since the war.

It is not too much for me to say that I founded the Republican party in this State, and that but for David S. Reid and myself there would have been no triumphant Democratic party in North Carolina. I edited the "Standard" twenty-five years. I am too feeble physically to conduct a newspaper. I have no idea of attempting it. Nor is it true, as stated by some of the papers, that I voted for Mr. Bennett for Congress at the last election. I was too feeble to go to the polls and consequently did not vote at all.

I am perhaps the most independent man politically in the State. I would not turn on my heel for all the offices the two parties could bestow upon me. I covet the good opinion of just and respectable men, but I am no candidate for the "sweet voices" of the changing and thoughtless multitude. In all my public life I have striven to do my duty as I understood it, and though I know I am frail and weak, yet I shall always maintain a manly front and never abjectly apologize for my past acts. Men are always prone more to have others repent than to repent themselves.

It is also assumed by some of the papers that I have left the Republican party solely on account of the tendency of that party to negro equality. This is only one of my reasons. Negro equality is a great evil. The colored people have drawn the line against the white people, and are demanding office because they are colored, and in Virginia the contest is now going forward in favor of mixed schools, the Democrats sternly resisting, and the Republicans or Liberals under the lead of Mahone, contending for them. Mixed schools is but another name for equality between the races. The Republicans of North Carolina took ground as one man against mixed schools in 1868. Is it possible that there are now in the State white men who are for them?

Another reason for my course is that the President refuses to recommend and Congress fails to pass a bill to refund to the Southern States the tax of eighty millions of dollars imposed on them or their cotton most unjustly and cruelly at the close of the war. The share of our State in this sum would be five or six millions.

Another reason and a great one is that the Southern State are not the equals of the Northern States in the Union, and never will be while the old Abolitionists control the government. The South has no Vice-President, no seat in the cabinet and no first-class foreign mission. And when any little office is obtained by Southern gentlemen they for the most part have to beg and humble themselves for such recognition.

Another reason is that the Republicans of this State desire to put the counties in the hands of bare majorities in the town-hips by electing magistrates by the people. This might do well enough west of Greensboro where the whites prevail, but this change could not fail to be calamitous to many of the Eastern counties. It would subject much of the East to negro rule, and the result would be neglect or oppression of the whites and serious injury to the financial prosperity of the counties.

I am a "Holden man." The old people of the State will know what this expression means. If I shall vote at all hereafter, I will vote independently for good men and proper measures. The Union is safe. We need give ourselves no special concern about that. I am therefore for North Carolina and her best interests against all comers.

I am receiving letters from friends in all parts of the State approving my course.

Let it be borne in mind that this is purely a political and not a personal matter. I have no ill-feeling against any one. I desire the well-being and happiness of everybody. And those who use personalities or utter unkind words on my account will live to regret it. I speak from experience.

W. W. HOLDEN.

P. S.—I think the Greensboro "North State" ought to copy this card and to require its classical and eloquent correspondents to sign their names to their communications. I do not care what that paper says about me, but as its owner and editors are decent white gentlemen they certainly ought to give me a hearing.