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THE article in yesterday's CITIZEN on "the assault on Russell Sage" should have been credited to the New York Herald. It was a striking piece of work.

Crisp.

In the election of Crisp, the first congratulation is for the democratic party, in that its representatives in congress have had the good sense not to prolong the contest till the country was tired of both them and it. It would have been a serious error to go on balloting through the week with no exhibition of anything but bulldog tenacity.

Crisp has some friends—Tammany, for instance—whom we do not fancy, and who are likely to influence him more or less in his exercise of the great power that goes with the speakership and makes it so attractive to men of ambition and capacity. His make-up of the committees in the house will, therefore, be anxiously awaited and closely scrutinized. If he does not make Mr. Mills chairman of the ways and means committee his influence will be too marked for the good of the democratic party. It is pledged to a reform of the tariff, of which the member from Texas is the chief and most intelligent exponent now in public office.

THE CITIZEN is gratified more than it is necessary to say that the speakership has come south. Crisp's personal qualities are of such a high character that his election will do much to put to sleep the sectional issue and the charge that it is not "safe" to give the south the power its ability and votes entitle it to.

A Southern Literary Magazine.

The Lyceum for December is on our table, and impresses us as one of the best numbers yet issued. There is an aim at higher intellectual lofiness and a better regulated imagination, both features of which are illustrated in a series of articles which would do honor to a magazine of greater literary pretensions. Among the descriptive articles is one that is especially interesting to those of us who watch the progress of the great Vanderbilt enterprise, as a school not only in architectural art, elaborate landscape gardening, perfected road making, but also in botany in a field so naturally rich and splendid as afforded by the forests, hillsides, copses and valleys of Western North Carolina. Mr. Olmstead tells us and proves to us how our native treasures may be combined and contrasted with the forest and floral wealth of all the world besides; what we can adapt and what we must reject, what we can acclimatize and what is beyond our ability to domesticate; and teaches us what vast and beautiful additions each one may make to his grounds, great or small, and refine and gratify still farther those pure tastes which love of flowers, shrubbery and foliage always begets.

Major Westall treats us to a very erudite and highly instructive article on "The Star Depths," a subject that will always fascinate, while it will always bewilder, the enquiring, yet unlearned mind.

The articles of fiction "The Secret from Scotland Yard," "The Countess of Clifton," and "Rosaline, the Fair Maid of Georgia," the last in the style of Longfellow's Evangeline, will give pleasure to the reader, as samples of good inventive and constructive genius, and as specimens of polished writing and laudable purpose.

The Lyceum is fairly earning its title to public consideration as a magazine to be sustained as a permanent exponent of local talent, to develope in its strength and expand in its scope in proportion as it meets with public favor. Its beginning may be humble, but if generously fostered by a proper and a liberal patronage, may in time provide us with what is the wise ambition of the south to attain, a genuine, typical, Southern Literary Magazine.

Denunciations of the Banking Systems.

It is common comment among business men that the money market is improving. In some parts of the country money is already spoken of as "plenty." There is more of that elusive but absolutely necessary element confidence than there was a few weeks ago. What has brought about this change?

Undoubtedly the results in the late elections had much to do with restoring confidence. There is now a pretty general belief that, for some months at least, there will be no financial legislation proposed except by conservative men who realize the sensitiveness of capital and will make haste slowly in bringing about financial reforms.

We may be mistaken in thinking that in this change in the financial situation, with its consequent benefit sooner or later to all industries and all classes, there must come to the rank and file, if not to the leaders of the alliance, some reflections that will result in good to them as well as to the country as a whole. One is that it was certainly a mistake to allow any one in the name of the alliance, or in the name of any considerable body of men, to enter upon wholesale denunciation of capitalists, banks or bankers. It did not better the financial situation to speak of them as "robbers," as "sharks," as "Shylocks," or of Wall street as a "den of thieves." Money was none the plentier for such talk; nor was the farmer any the quicker accommodated at his nearest bank because of the fact that its existence had been threatened by a "reform press" or by the last "lecturer" who passed by. As a matter of fact the money market tightened with every such expression. We by no means intend to say that there were not other causes operating to bring about this result; but the kind and amount of the agitation we have spoken of was a very large factor among all the influences exerted. The man or set of men who have money want to keep it, and they want to keep it at its full value. At the first intimation that great financial problems are likely to be juggled with by men with no experience in such matters and who have little to risk, capital is called in, money becomes scarce and the consequent suffering is general.

It may be expected, therefore, that we have seen reached the extreme of denunciation of our banking system and that from now on calm discussion and well considered legislation will take its place. The problem is safe with the democratic party.

TO A TEAM.

From a Member of the Last Legislature.

EDITOR THE CITIZEN: "Pete Frizzle" and "Old Ched." Gosh, what a team! I see in your issue of Dec. 2 an article on self government by the Hon. Peter Frizzle, in which he condescended to speak or advise "Old Ched" of the kind of members the Hon. "Peter and Old Ched" ought to send to the legislature, to wit: Men who could spell, read and write; who cannot be influenced by two or three designing men to advertise the city of Asheville to the tune of $640,000 by legislative enactment.

As to education, I was a student of the lamented Col. Stephen D. Lee, of Chunn's Cove, near Asheville. I did not go to the college that the "Hon. Peter" did, to wit: the street corners in Asheville; therefore, it is not to be supposed that I am as far advanced in letters as he.

I happen to know the "Hon. Peter" quite well, and have known him for lo! these many days. He is a whale; he is a pretentious fellow.

As to the members of Buncombe in the legislature of 1891 being influenced by two or three designing men to pass a bill to advertise Asheville to the tune of $640,000 without the knowledge of any one, the Hon. Peter stated what was not true. But as he, the "Hon. Peter," wants to be notorious I will excuse him. Concerning the bill in question would say I opposed it as it came to Raleigh as City Attorney Cobb and other gentlemen will testify. I did not allow it to become a law until amended by allowing voters of Asheville a vote on same. Not being a resident of Asheville and having written to F. W. Patton and others in regard to same, their advice was to let it pass so amended. Does that look like Peter was a truthful character? The public can judge. I could only give the voters of Asheville a chance to say what they wished. Their verdict is well known.

Then Peter why all this racket of yours? Can't you occupy your position on the street corners quietly and talk over matters you are informed on? Possibly if you would the good people of Asheville and Buncombe county, whom you profess to love so well, would honor you with a seat in the next legislature of North Carolina, or very likely your collegiate education would cause the good people of the 9th congressional district to forward you by express to Washington, D. C., to take our beloved W. T. Crawford's place. Then, oh, then, you would be "Big Pete" and leave the simple Pete Frizzle behind. Good bye, "Peter," for the present. *M. L. Reed.*

Two Verdicts.

From the Chatham Record.

McDougald has been acquitted and discharged. The case was given to the jury at 5:30 p. m. Monday and a verdict of not guilty was rendered at 9.30 on Tuesday morning.

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