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EDITORIAL NOTES.

Under the new administration, the colored citizen will be fully protected in his political rights. But he will be pelted no more, no more!

It is noteworthy that all of the new Cabinet, with the single exception of the Secretary of the Treasury, are all lawyers. The President is also a lawyer.

If there is any grace in Democracy, let a mighty shout go up that Judge Thurman, the old and tried statesman and perhaps the ablest Democrat in the United States, be not forgotten by the new administration.

Gen. Grant has been nominated General on the retired list of the army, with the full pay of such rank. Ex-President Arthur and Congress have so ordered it, and the people have to grin and bear it.

The Buffalo Courier says: All Democrats should understand that Mr. Cleveland's administration will fully represent the party, and that the party will be fully responsible for it. Its success will be success of the Democracy; its failure the failure of the party. Democratic strength and Democratic prospects altogether depend upon the heavy support of the Administration by its own party.

That's about the size of it. The composition of Cleveland's Cabinet leaves no doubt that he is, not an independent reformer, but a reformer in deference to the views and wishes of honest Democracy, and that, consequently, the success of his administration will be the success of the Democracy; its failure the failure of the party.

PRESIDENT CLEVELAND'S CABINET.

The following are the names of the gentlemen who are members of President Cleveland's Cabinet:

- Thos. F. Bayard, of Delaware, Secretary of the Treasury;
- Daniel Manning, of New York, Secretary of the Treasury;
- L. Q. C. Lamar, of Mississippi, Secretary of the Interior;
- Augustus H. Garland, of Arkansas, Attorney-General;
- William C. Endicott, of Massachusetts, Secretary of War;
- William F. Vilas, of Wisconsin, Postmaster-General.
- William C. Whitney, of New York, Secretary of the Navy.

On March 6th, the Senate in executive session confirmed the above nominations.

COMPULSORY EDUCATION.

The Wilmington Star says: There is a bill pending in the Legislature relative to compulsory education. It was discussed at length in the House on Saturday last. We are not surprised that legislators are not an unit on a question of such grave importance. It is almost a matter of surprise that such a bill should be introduced in the Legislature and should find so many supporters. We would be surprised, if we could be surprised at anything either in legislation or in politics. The country has drifted so very far away from the Constitutional shores and the people of the United States are becoming so rapidly Europeanized that we are not surprised at any bill or any action or any principle that may be advocated. * * * Having drifted, drifted, drifted away from the ancient Constitutional moorings and landmarks, the people are now fairly at sea. They are ready to go for anything in the shape of an appropriation, and, we fear, to blindly favor any measure, however suspicious its origin and however loaded with combustion. * * *

Wouldn't it be rather ridiculous to talk about "Constitutional shores, moorings and landmarks" to the legion of citizens who are unable to read the Constitution?

Compulsory education would enable Young America, with no deplorable exception, to read the Constitution, laws, tax notices and other documents of compulsion; likewise to read such newspaper reports as would make it possible for them to estimate the fidelity and usefulness of their public servants at Raleigh and at Washington.

Have you ever seen an illiterate man or woman who did not evidently regret his or her inability to read and write? Yet the Wilmington Star groans extensively because the spirit of the age wishes to save any future sovereign of this great land from the mortification of having to sign his name thus: X

NEWS OF THE WEEK.

CAREFULLY CULLED AND CONDENSED FROM THE REPORTER AND POST'S EXCHANGES.

State News.

Madison is to have a newspaper started by a gentleman from Raleigh.

The News says that there is much sickness prevalent about Mr. Airy.

The bill to tax dogs and promote sheep husbandry was indefinitely postponed by the House.

Farmers living near Raleigh are going largely into the cultivation of grapes for the New York market.

A correspondent of a Raleigh paper calls the Legislature, "The North Carolina Dog Protective Association."

Hon. R. B. Vance is freely talked of in Washington, as Commissioner of Patents under the new administration.

The Legislature has made it a misdemeanor to practice medicine without a license from the State board of examiners.

The Railroad company, through the Superintendent, A. B. Andrews, contributed thirty cords of wood to the poor of Winston.

There is considerable sickness in and around the Twin City at present, comprising pneumonia, pleurisy, erysipelas, and severe colds without number—Winston Sentinel.

One of our citizens has a colored man employed to cut wood who boards himself. His African-ship feasts on crow and onions. We have nothing to remark upon his taste, appetite or digestion.—Graham Gleaser.

The Legislature has passed a bill allowing the citizens of Mecklenburg to work their roads by taxation. If we are not mistaken the No Fence Law started there, too. Already one of the foremost counties in the State, Mecklenburg continues to move forward. Other counties might do worse than follow her example.—Ashboro Courier.

Speaking of rapid transit, Willie Shepard came down from the fourth story of Brown Brothers factory Monday last, as rapidly and wonderfully as any one we know of. He fell through the elevator hatchway, and landed upon his feet, after making several revolutions. No bones were broken and he complains of being rather sore.—Winston Leader.

Charlotte Observer: Henry Phifer, as he was walking through a field, came across the dead body of a colored man lying by the pathway. He glanced at the body and recognized it as that of Chas. Smith, a colored man, who is well known in this city. The body was frozen hard and stiff and was entirely encased in ice, the features of the dead man's face being plainly distinguishable through its transparent coating, the ice being as clear and smooth as glass.

We understand there is considerable excitement on the mountain in the Bell Spur neighborhood, about mad dogs. Last week one passed through Mr. Joe Brim's yard and bit his dog, and escaped before he could kill it; the week before one passed just under the mountain, on squirrel creek, biting several dogs; this last one showed unmistakable signs of rabies—he was killed. Why don't our people kill the worthless dogs!—Patrick Press.

A bill has passed the House to allow the extension of the time for the payment of taxes due on land sold for taxes until January next, and payment then to be enforced. It is stated that there are now on file in the office of the Secretary of State 3,000 deeds, conveying to the State 280,000 acres of land and representing \$20,000 taxes on which sheriff's fees have been allowed \$10,000 costs, and that \$5,000 is still due, making \$35,000 held against these lands.

The old flag of the State was blue, with the coat-of-arms in its centre. A bill passed the house establishing a new flag for the State. It is of three colors—red, white and blue. A white bar and a red bar run horizontally, the red above the white. Near the staff the color is blue to a depth of one-third of that of the flag. In the centre of this blue portion of the flag is the coat-of-arms of the State in gold. Above this in a scroll are the words, "May 20, 1775," and below, in a similar scroll, April 12, 1776."

Raymond Check, the twelve year old son of Mr. C. M. Check, of Hamlet, who was attacked with hydrophobia last Saturday, died Sunday afternoon, after 24 hours of terrible suffering. He died at the residence of Dr. Gribble, in Union county, where he was boarding when bitten by the dog six weeks ago. The tortures of the unfortunate lad from the time the first symptoms of hydrophobia were manifested until his death are described as having been most agonizing character—one convulsion after another in quick succession. The skill of the physician was completely baffled, and they were unable to even alleviate his sufferings.—Charlotte Observer.

General News.

The births in London number nearly 550 a day.

A telephone wire to Europe is projected for the near future.

The coinage of minor coins—one and five cent pieces—have been suspended.

The lower house of the Texas legislature has passed a bill making gambling a felony.

Another series of severe earthquake shocks has been felt in some of the Spanish provinces.

The British recruiting bureau reports show that the British army numbers 181,000 men.

The \$300,000 asked for by the New Orleans Exposition managers has been granted by Congress.

The estimated debt reduction of the United States for February was three and a half million dollars.

A Dakota lake thirteen feet deep has frozen clear to the bottom, and they are cutting the fish out with the ax.

The University Press at Oxford, England, has appliances for printing works in 150 languages and dialects.

The French continue the war in China. In an important naval engagement they had defeated the Chinese.

William Corbin and John Games, of Boone county, Ky., fought with revolvers about a dog. Both men were killed.

Mr. St. John, crusader, declared in a recent speech that there is whiskey enough in the White House to start six saloons.

James Reynolds in Hawkins county, Tenn., accidentally killed his two children, by rubbing their heads with coal oil to destroy vermin.

It is said there is more distress in Richmond Va., and the surrounding country, caused by the want of work, than has ever been known.

An explosion occurred in a colliery in Sunderland, Eng., in which 150 men were at work; at least accounts thirty-six dead bodies had been recovered.

Miss Cleveland, the coming mistress of the white house, wears her hair short, after the very latest among strong-minded English women.

Railroad fares have now reached the lowest figures ever known in America. An emigrant's ticket from New York to Chicago can be bought for \$1. The distance is 1,000 miles.

A man named Leo, at Exeter, England, was placed three times on the gallows for execution, machinery each time failing to act. Finally he was taken to his cell and respited.

There is a woman now living in Arkansas, who glories in her fourteenth husband. Respectfully arranged on thirteen pegs, are the hats with the names attached of her dear lamented thirteen.

There is a fortunate little girl in Trinidad, C.I. When she was born—twelve years ago—her grandfather gave her a cow. She now has \$5,000 worth of cattle, the offspring of her birthday present.

The correspondent of a London paper alludes to the terrible death of milk in many districts. All is sent up to London and the poor can get none. In one village in Southwest England milk not long ago was only sold on the production of a medical certificate as to its necessity.

In several counties in W. Va. there has been great distress caused by crops being ruined last summer by drought and the unusual severity of this winter. Whole neighborhoods of people are actually famished and a large amount of stock have died. The Legislature has given them help.

There is said to be a point of honor with even the worst of the Choctaws hard to find among white men. When a Choctaw criminal is condemned he is allowed to choose whether to be shot or hung and then paroled till the day of execution. And there's never a Choctaw who goes back on his pledge but always comes up to die.

The discoverer of the richest of the Leadville silver mines sold his claim at once for \$40,000, and during the following year the two purchasers made \$1,000,000 each from it. Meanwhile the discoverer squandered his \$40,000 in prospecting, and the other day, a homeless tramp, applied for a night's lodging at the Leadville station house.

The collections of internal revenue in the United States during the first six months of the fiscal year ending June 30, 1885, were as follows: From spirits, \$34,064,395, from tobacco, \$12,732,399, from fermented liquors, \$9,570,492, and from miscellaneous sources, \$151,282; total receipts, \$56,518,568, being \$4,270,786 less than the receipts for the same period of last year.

THE INAUGURATION.

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On March 4, Washington entertained a hundred thousand strangers. Not a few of the later comers, who brought little besides their patriotic memories and exultant hopes, tramped the avenues the preceding night from necessity and breakfasted with the coffee and sandwich-vendors of markets and the street-corners.

The morning opened hazily, but with excellent promise of fair weather, which was fulfilled before 9 o'clock. Whatever it is possible to do with scantling and boards and bunting and gilt to bedeck the town for an occasion, Washington had undertaken and performed.

Long before the hour set for the movement of the procession the martial music of hundreds of bands heading the myriad organizations seeking their posts blended in a confused roar. Everywhere the shrill notes of the fife and the kettle-drum were heard. By 10 o'clock the entire population of the city seemed to have deserted its homes and occupied the streets on the line of march. The crowd was something unprecedented even in this city, accustomed to receive outpourings of the nation's population.

It was precisely at the hour set—10:30 o'clock—that the presidential party entered their parades at the White House, where the President elect had shortly before arrived from the Arlington Hotel, accompanied by Senator Ransom and Sherman. As the carriages drove out of the gates and entered the line the occupants were greeted with the wildest enthusiasm—men shouting, women screaming and waving their handkerchiefs, and all seemed carried away with the excitement of the moment.

About 11 o'clock Mr. Cleveland went to the Senate Chamber. Here the applause was clapping of hands at first, and then cheers, loud and prolonged, welcomed him. Then a stalwart voice in the gallery arose above the din demanding, "Three cheers for Grover Cleveland."

The Vice-President-elect was now escorted into the chamber, and without delay, but with the solemnity and decorum befitting the occasion, the oath was administered to him by the President-elect. Mr. Hendricks took the gavel and opened the Senate to order in extra session. Prayer was offered by the chaplain, following which the Vice-President made a brief address. The new senators were sworn in, and after the reading of the message of the President convening the Senate, the procession was formed and filed its way toward the platform on the central portion of the Capitol.

Before the President left the Senate chamber the crowd in front of the stand had increased until it became one solid mass of humanity for nearly four hundred feet in front of the stand and more than one thousand on either side. President Arthur subsequently said it was "simply immense—the greatest crowd he ever saw." Senator Hawley, as he looked at it, said he thought it numbered about 150,000 people.

Precisely at 12:30 P. M. the head of the procession appeared coming out of main east door of the Capitol. President Arthur stepped to the front of the platform, followed by the President-elect, Chief-Justice Waite, and the Sergeant-at-Arms of the Senate.

At 12:40 P. M. President-elect Cleveland arose and began his inaugural address of which the Richmond Dispatch says that, "His proverb-like utterances read as if they might be modelled after some of those of the fathers of the republic; whilst his pledges as to what he intends to do are above criticism."

At precisely two minutes after 1 o'clock he concluded with an invocation of the blessing of Providence, and turning to the Chief-Justice and bowing to him, said: "I am now prepared to take the oath prescribed by law."

As the Chief Justice arose to administer the oath the vast assemblage cheered again and again. The President-elect stood facing the Chief Justice, with the crowd on his right. Chief-Clerk McKenny, of the Supreme Court, stood just to one side of Mr. Cleveland, and held the Bible upon which the oath was administered, the President-elect also holding it with his right hand.

The Bible used is a small morocco-covered, gilt-edged volume, pretty well worn. It is the Bible which Mr. Cleveland's mother gave him when he left home as a young man and at his special request the Committee of Arrangements had it in readiness for the ceremony.

The crowd preserved perfect quiet as the impressive ceremony of administering the oath was taking place, but when it was concluded, and as President Cleveland laid down the Bible, after reverently kissing it and shook hands with the Chief Justice, who was first to congratulate him, they cheered loudly and long.

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