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## CABINET COMPLETE.

When Mr. Cleveland made his Cabinet in 1885, he took the country by surprise. He put in it at least three distinguished men in politics—Mr. Bayard, Mr. Lamar and Mr. Garland, all Senators and two from the South. Mr. Manning, of New York, Secretary of the Treasury, was known to be a man of fine talents and he made a superior official. The others—Mr. Endicott, Mr. Whitney, Mr. Vilas, Mr. Dickinson were comparatively unknown, but they all proved, if our impression is correct, successful Secretaries, and Mr. Whitney developed into a particularly strong and wise man. He has but few equals among living Northern politicians. We would rather vote for him than any man in the North after Mr. Cleveland, who is always our favorite because we believe he will serve his country with fidility, integrity, zeal and great ability. His choice of some particular man will not always meet our candid approval, and we do not hesitate to say when we do not agree with his action in matters pertaining to the public welfare. None but a slavish, insincere organ can do otherwise.

In his first Cabinet Mr. Cleveland took two men from his own State, New York, one not far away, Delaware, and one close by in another direction—Massachusetts. A very small area had four of the eight members. The South got two of the eight, and they were able and experienced men and gave much satisfaction.

In the second Cabinet he is more generous to the South—giving three members, one from Georgia, one from Kentucky, one from Alabama. Mr. Carlisle is second to no living Southron and perhaps has no peer in the land. So Mr. Cleveland has been reported as saying. Mr. Herbert is an able man of ripe experience and is particularly qualified for the Naval portfolio. The last New York *Tribune* praises him for his favorable report in the House, showing the great blessings of protection in obtaining cheaper war vessels. We have written of Mr. Smith of Georgia. He is reputed a good lawyer but without experience in public affairs.

The North gets five officers. Massachusetts is again favored, although it has never voted for Cleveland. Of course we are unable to appreciate or understand this. There are some millions of Democratic voters who are in the same fix. He takes again two men from New York who have to show hereafter that they have any fitness for the place. One is almost wholly unknown. Mr. W. S. Bissell, and the other was only known as the President's Man Friday—his private secretary—in the first term. Mr. Cleveland is too wise a man we must believe to pick inferior men for high places. Outside of Massachusetts no one probably ever heard of the name of the new Attorney General, Mr. Richard Olney. We know nothing whatever of Mr. J. S. Morton, of Nebraska, who is Secretary of Agriculture. Of Mr. Gresham, of Illinois, all have heard. He is, or was very recently, the equal of any Republican in character and had but very few equals in his party for ability.

The new Cabinet stands five Northern and three Southern; seven Democrats and one Republican. Three from the East, two from the West and three from the South. The two very able men of the new family are Carlisle and Gresham. Altogether it is a Cabinet mostly of new men, untried men, and time will show how well the selections are. It is Mr. Cleveland's right to choose, and if there should be failure at any point he will have to bear the public censure. The Democrats who have been fighting the battles and leading the hosts in the last quarter of a century are practically ignored. There is no telling where Cleveland lightning will strike. Virginia and the Carolinas do not seem to be in favor with Mr. Cleveland.

## NORTH CAROLINA CADETS AT WEST POINT.

We publish a brief communication to-day from a well known Wilmingtonian relative to a very gifted native of this city, who was graduated at West Point with the first honors in Gen. Beauregard's class—Lieut. William H. Wright. He and young Allen, of Northampton county, we believe it was, were the only two North Carolinians who have secured the first place at the National Military Academy. Men have gone there from State colleges and taken only sixth or even sixteenth rank in classes of thirty or forty, who secured first honors at home institutions easily. We know two such cases. This shows how high a first or second place is at West Point where all the contestants in a class come from the whole Union. The late Gen. Charles P. Kingsbury, who went from this State, was graduated number two in his class of 1840, Gen. Sherman being in the same class and obtaining number six, we think it was. Gen. Kingsbury had to contest for the first place against a distinguished graduate of a college, Gen. Paul O. Hebert, of Louisiana, while himself being very poorly prepared, having only a slim English education. Mr. William F. Disbrow, of New York, who was of Gen. Grant's class, and his roommate, told us that Gen. Kingsbury was by odds an abler man than Hebert, and that there were no two opinions at the Academy about it. If he had had Hebert's advantages he would have been easily first. His "Treatise on Artillery" was the text book at West Point for many years.

## THE STATE PRINTING.

As the MESSENGER has never been concerned in any way with the State printing what it says must come from a disinterested source. It has no ill-will towards Mr. Josephus Daniels or Mr. N. B. Broughton or his printing firm. We have always had pleasant association and cordial relations with all. We do not desire to so write as to interrupt those relations.

The statement—clear, direct, unmistakable—made in the Raleigh *Chronicle* of Wednesday by the editor, Mr. Jernigan, places the whole question in a very clear light, and in that light it will be hard to blunder. The whole thing is in a nut shell. The public printing was to be conducted on busines principles and "at the lowest reasonable rates," so instructed caucus No. 1. A contract was made at 15 per cent below the present price. Two printing houses united and took the contract. Caucus No. 2 accepted price but gave the contract to Mr. Daniels, editing a weekly newspaper. So the middle-man was retained. But by reducing the present rates $3,000 were saved to the State annually. But investigation has followed, and a startling revelation is made. Mr. Jernigan thus places it:

"Investigation shows that not only has Mr. Josephus Daniels drawn from the treasurey of the State, within the last two years, not less than $5,000 for his share, but that Edwards & Broughton have approximately drawn from the same treasury, for the same time, and as their profits, $6,000, making a total profit of $11,000.

"This is what the perpetration of a moral wrong discloses.?"

That is very bad. It is very wrong. It is not business, it is not right. Mr. Jernigan pointely, says:-

"The tax-payers of North Carolina can now see how their money has been taken from their treasury to enrich the middle man in the printing contract, as well as the parties whose testimony, for the past six years, has been accepted, as a reliable guide, by legislative committees."

Can the Legislature afford to let that go out as the real state of the case? Can it afford to do "business" in that unjustifiable way? Have they a right to pay out $5,500 annually for printing that might otherwise be saved if the printing was really to be done upon "business principles?" We agree with the able and high toned editor of the *Chronicle* in this:

"Take the State Printing out of politics. Take the middle man out of the printing, and make a fair contract with the labor to do the work."

Mr. Jernigan, to his credit be it said, was not a candidate for the printing "except it was openly decided to reward a Democratic paper." Six of the nine Committeemen know this, and a majority were favorable to him as public printer. The people have rights and the Legislature should be careful not to violate them. Nothing is truer or more needed than these calm words of the *Chronicle*:

"Let the party be true to the great moral standards that have so long sustained its life. Let it not be swayed from honest duty, from exact and impartial justice by clamors, by fears, by folly, by selfishness, by hatred of wrong or by prospect of temporary gain. Nothing can be gained by dishonesty. Let justice be done, and the heavens will never fall."

Our esteemed contemporary is precisely right. We say farther, that the Democratic party is certain to suffer in the future for every wrong it has done or may do. If it allows in any county or township the ballot-box to be tampered with or legally qualified voters to be excluded or any injustice or wrong to be pupetrated it will come to grief by that inexorable law of retributive justice. The white man's party in North Carolina must be kept pure, and its agents must live up to the public profession and high moral standards of right or it will go down and deserve it.

## RUNNING NOTES ON A COMMUNICATION.

We publish a communication from an esteemed and intelligent Baptist minister relative to the University. The lines quoted from the MESSENGER that leads him to criticise the State aid to the University contained a truth. There is no such thing as a purely Post-Graduate University in the United States. Not even Johns Hopkins will bear that description. Harvard, Yale, Cornell and Princeton Universities are not Post-Graduate, and to demand that the University of North Carolina shall be superior to these great schools and be even what Johns Hopkins is not, is absurd, is impossible. The great University of Virginia, Washington and Lee University, and Vanderbilt, are not more of Universities than the University of North Carolina is, if to be an University requires and demands that it shall be solely for Post-Graduates.

The University of South Carolina, the University of Mississippi, the University of Louisiana all receive aid from the State and none is a Post-Graduate institution.

To talk about having a Post Graduate University with a $20,000 State endowment is on a par to demand a great United States navy by appropriating only enough money to build one war ship.

We do not go into an answer to Mr. Powell's objection. Some one else may reply. We are too busy to give the matter the close attention it deserves in order to discuss the moral and constitutional aspects of the question. We submit a few random reflections.

A free Commonwealth cannot be said to have "subjects." All men are free and equal before the law. The people are the masters, the sovereigns. For nearly a hundred years the University has been the child or creature of the State. As far back as 1776, the Constitution authorized the Legislature to "establish" public schools. The University was created by the Legislature. The Constitution of 1868 is strongly in favor of education. The University and the Common Schools are State creations, and are and have been through the century inseparably connected. The late Judge Battle said: "The framers of each had no expectation that one could prosper without the other, or that one was less necessary than the other." The Constitution of 1868 prescribed "That the General Assembly *shall provide* that the benefits of the University, so far as practicable, be extended to the youth of the State *free of expense* for tuition."

The objections urged against the University as trenching upon the field of the denominational colleges are urged also and often against the schools under the common school system. The Graded Schools of the State are complained of and objected to because they interfere with private schools. So if it is wrong for the State to establish a school to teach the higher education it is wrong for it to establish the common and graded schools to teach upon a lower plane. They all stand or fall together. If one is immoral all are immoral. If one is unconstitutional all are unconstitutional.

One word more. The State has not yet done its duty by the University. It ought to so increase the endowment as to put it so very high that there can be no real rivalry between the other colleges and it. We have good reason to believe that the standard at the University of North Carolina is as high as that of the University of Virginia. It can be enlarged and improved. The State will be wise if it causes this to be done.

## SHARPS AND FLATS.

Another cashier has gone wrong. This time at Atlanta. We read up upon the safety of banks once. Leading Northern publications said that the only safety and protection there were in banks lay in the strict honesty of presidents and cashiers, and that but one body of bank directors were ever known to count the cash. It took them from their business a whole week and then they did not get through with the count.

Mr. E. P. Howell, the senior editor of the Atlanta *Constitution*, is strongly supported for the Governorship of Georgia. He may "get there." His able son is a regular paid contributor to the New York *Herald*, was Speaker of one of the Houses in the Georgia Legislature and is manager of the *Constitution*, we believe. Good editors are evidently appreciated in Georgia. Mr. Hoke Smith is part owner of the *Journal* and perhaps one of its writers. Well, the craft has given to the country many able and distinguished men in the past.

## HOME FOLKS.

On yesterday we received the issue of the Fayetteville *Gazette* of the date of 15th February. It was not in a separate wrapper but came in the usual way. Where has it been all this time?

The Sanford *Express* publishes a letter from the Weaverite member of the Legislature by the name of Self. It speaks for itself:

"STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA,
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
RALEIGH, N. C., Feb. 7th, '93.

*Mr. Editor of the Sanford Express:*

Dir Sire I See in your issue of the 26 Whear you have Slandered me By Saying that I could neither read nor Rite Will you Correct the above I have Heard Enuf of this false Report let me heare from you soon.

Yours, A. M. SELF.

In a letter to the Mocksville *Times* Mr. Self wants "Justice imparchalley Administered."

## SNAPS.

Hudson river is to be bridged between New York and New Jersey.

Surprises. Republican wards in Philadelphia elected Democratic councilmen.

Sam Jones counts 2,000 professions in a great revival in one of the Methodist churches in Memphis.

Harrison's friends can not poke fun and sneer at Cleveland's Cabinet. It will measure with little Benny's

Charles Dickens has two prosperous sons in Australia. One is Alfred Tennyson and the other is Edward Bulwer Lytton, and neither is literary in spite of ancestry and names.

Prof. Shaler, of Harvard University, seems inclined to think that the United States would be better off, more prosperous to-day if it had built fine highways instead of railways.

The Philadelphia *Record* says that George A. Jenks, of Penn, has received his appointment from Mr. Cleveland for Attorney General. Is that so? It is possibly a case of "high Jinks." The Washington *Post* has the same report. Did Mr. Cleveland change his mind?

It is marvellous how a Democratic Senator was elected from North Dakota with 52 Republicans, 27 Democrats and 11 Populists. It is very strange that two Democrats in Kansas should elect a Republican Senator. It is stranger to see a Republican in a Democratic Cabinet.

The Washington *Evening News* tells of a good retort of Stephen A. Douglas, who married in North Carolina. After some one had been assailing him in the Senate by the most severe personal denunciation Douglas rose and said: "What no gentleman should say no gentleman need answer."

Georgia is not going to the big show at Chicago. Sings the songster of the Atlanta *Constitution*:

'An they needn't think she's sighin'
'Cause her gourds ain't out a-dryin'.
An' she won't do any cryin' cause she
Won't
Be
There!

The late Rev. Edward S. Gregory, of the Episcopal Church, was once an editor and one of the clevereet and best equipped every way of the Virginian press. His son, E. D. Gregory, has entered the profession as editor of the Bedford *Index*. His father did some fine work for magazines and reviews.

## Pronounced Hopeless, Yet Saved.

From a letter written by Mrs. Ada E. Hurd, of Groton S. D., we quote: "Was taken with a bad cold, which settled on my Lungs, cough set in and finally terminated in Consumption. Four doctors gave me up, saying I could live but a short time. I gave myself up to my Saviour, determined if I could not stay with my friends on earth, I would meet my absent ones above. My husband was advised to get Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption, Coughs and Colds. I gave it a trial, took in all, eight bottles, it has cured me, and thank God I am now a well and hearty woman." Trial bottles free at R. R. Bellamy's drug store, regular size, 50c. and $1.00.

## A ROLAND FOR AN OLIVER.

We would never have supposed that there was anything objectionable in the least degree to a Northern Republican of the proposed meeting of the Southern Governors to consider plans for the development of their States and the betterment of the people. It really looks innocent enough and we would have expected words of approval and encouragement of the Northern press. But the evil minded New York *Press* is grieved and puts this spider in the dumplin at the banquet of Governors: "With the Tillmanites of South Carolina defying the Federal authority, Alabama and Mississippi attempting to disfranchise thousands of their citizens, negroes being tortured to death in Texas, White Caps committing wholesale depredations in Louisiana and lynching 'bees' of almost daily occurrence in some sections of the South, it will be useless to expect to draw either people or capital to such a territory. Let the Southern Governors enforce the laws against crime." This is slightly malicious and mean. It is new way to oppose a proper thing. The south could easily give a Rowland for the *Press's* Oliver if it so minded, as the Memphis *Appeal-Avalanche* shows. It supposes Northern Governers were proposing to meet for a similar purpose, and what would be thought if it said as follows of the futility of such a meeting:

"Before they take any steps we would advise them to turn their attention to the enforcement of the law in their States. With policemen committing rape in New York City, and going absolutely unpunished, with Wyoming rustlers at times defying the Federal authority, with the New England States and New York passing ballot laws which impose educational qualifications and disfranchise thousands of citizens, with Whitecaps ranging the States of Indiana and Illinois, with the lynching of negroes in New York and Ohio, with the wholesale corruption of the Northern yeomanry in politics, with the attempted stealing of Senatorships in several of the Western States, with civil war in Kansas growing out of an attempt by the Republicans to steal a Senatorship, and with recent successful efforts of Republicans to steal for a while, at least, Governorships in Connecticut and Nebraska, it is nonsense to talk about inducing decent people to settle in such a territory. When the Northern Governors learn to respect the law, and the people throw overboard the briber and cease to steal offices, it will be time to talk about attracting immigrants."

What a howl there would be "my countrymen."

## STATE PRESS.

The *Review* is not "stuck" on the appointment of Judge Gresham to a place in Mr. Cleveland's Cabinet. Mr. Gresham is too recent a convert to Democracy to be placed so high in the council's of the party's leader. As a matter of fact, it is problematical whether he has forsaken the Republican party.—*Shelby Republicans.*

The *Democrat* thinks, with the MESSENGER, that if North Carolina is to have any representation it ought to be such as will reflect credit upon the State. If $25,000 is enough, stop there; if not, make it more. Better have nothing than to have it so poor that it will give more shame than credit.—*Scotland Neck Democrat.*

Other papers and other Democrats can think what they please of Mr. Cleveland's action in inviting Judge Gresham into his Cabinet, but we think very little of it. There are plenty of old fire-tried Democrats who could fill the important office of Secretary of State with distinguished ability without calling in the new Republican-Third party convert, As Zeb Vance says: "The horse that pulled the is entitled to the fodder."—*Carthage Blade.*

One trouble with the present Legislature seems to be its inability to grasp the fact that North Carolina is growing, and that there must be progressive legislation—legislation of a kind that will keep pace with the growth of the State. The *News* is opposed to reckless appropriations, but at submits that appropriations necessary for the maintenance of the State's public institutions—the asylums and newly established schools—should be voted without question or delay.—*Charlotte News.*

We have discredited the report that President Cleveland has offered the position of Secretary of the State to Judge Gresham; but it seems to be accepted as a fact in the political circles at the North. Judge Gresham has not been very much of a worker in the ranks of Democracy. In fact he was aspirant of the Republican nomination for President four years ago. We had rather see party preference awarded to party workers. That has been one of our hobbies; but we are too "old fogy" to be in line with the present though.—*Raleigh News and Observer.*

## PUBLIC OPINION.

Our future Secretary of the Interior has been called Hoax, Hokus, Hokey-Pokey, etc., etc. All this may be very amusing to our Northern friends, but it is absurd to those who know the Hoke family, and especially in person or by reputation, Gen. Robert F. Hoke, of North Carolina, where Hoke Smith was born. Hoke's brigade of North Carolinians and Hoke himself were not subjects of amusement in the early sixties, and it is very indicative of the whirligig mavement of time that any Northerner should find it in his heart to poke fun at the name of Hoke.—*Richmond Times, Dem.*

Old Ben Butler commands our admiration by his candor. He did not claim to have any character. He was probably ready to admit that he was a poltroon, for he laughingly told the late Judge Ould, at an interview during the war, that he was taking no risk of shot or capture, and so kept miles in the rear. A section of the Church press broke out in laudation of this frank and forbidding old sinner. How can any son of Belial restrain expectoration on a paper that plays the Yahoo? We care nothing for the merits or demerits of Butler, but it is a grief when a religious paper grovels. A Christian periodical like the spear of Ithuriel ought to be the touch-stone of character, disclosing the Devil in the squatting toad. It must never break an alabaster box upon the head of Iscariot.—*Richmond Christian Advocate.*

At the recent Jenkins dinner in New York Senator Hill discoursed upon the Senate and its rights and prerogatives touching appointments to office. The New York *World* is of the opinion that his speech "was a tolerably plain proclamation of his purpose to invoke the 'courtesy of the Senate,' so called, in rejecting such nominations of President Cleveland for this State as are not acceptable to him." We do not know what Senator Hill's policy will be in this regard, and we do not think that it makes any difference. He may be able to annoy the Administration by his peanut methods, but we are sure that he will not be able to control it. Senator Hill and his political methods were repudiated by the people of the United States last summer. Washington is not Albany and Cleveland is not Flower.—*Charleston News and Courier, Dem.*

## Objections to State Appropriations for the University.

*Editor of the Messenger:*

Will you allow an unpretentious country preacher who is guiltyly of the sin(?) of having a few opinions and the courage of conviction to ask a few questions relating to your article of February 18 on "A Post Graduate University?" You say the bill to change the university into a grand institute with only post graduates reads well but is impossible. Now if this be so and it must ever remain in competition with the other colleges, and some academies, of the State.

1. What right, moral, or constitutional has the State to set up an institution by taxation to drive out by competition other like institutions of equal importance, but unaided by taxation?

2. Has the State the right to tax the subjects, unwillingly to give ministers' sons a collegiate education?

3. Has the State the right to tax its subjects unwillingly to send a ministers of the gospel through college?

4. If so could it not under the same clause tax its subjects to support that minister after he is educated?

5. Would not this be bordering upon the obnoxious conflict of "Church and State" so zealously opposed by our ancestors and justly prohibited by our constitution?

6. Would not the clause conferring the right in one case also confer the right in the other? And once the wedge is entered who can tell how far "the ancestraly guarded oak" of our constitution may be riven? or what power can stop it? Pardon me for making these inquiries, but being a constant reader of yours, and following you from one paper to another as a subscriber, and admiring your fearless and conscientious dealings with such subjects, I have not written in a spirit of controversy, but am anxious to see through the columns of your paper, your defense of the moral right of such taxation and from any one, the constitutional right.

If those who think like me are in error both as to moral and constitutional rights we desire to be enlightened and hence in Ransom's words say "Turn on the lights."

One word more. Has the State a right to tax its subjects to support an institution in the government of which the State has no voice, and for the misapplication of funds no redress? Can this be defended morally or constitutionally?

These, to my mind, are grave issues before our legislators at Raleigh and upon which the taxpayers want enlightenment *and are going to have it*, and no vindictive epithets of "narrowminded bigotry" our sentimental gush about State pride will prevent it or satisfy them.

Allow me to assure you that many of us would highly appreciate your view upon the moral right of such taxation, and if there is a constitutional right would thank any one for the article, clause and section, and their construction of such.

Very respectfully,
J. W. POWELL.

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