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ADVICE TO GROSVENOR.

CHAMP CLARK TELLS HOW HE MIGHT BE PRESIDENT.

CALLS HIM A HUNGRY SPOILSMAN.

The Missourian, however, admires him because Gen. Grosvenor does not deny that he is hungry—rotation in office and frequent association with tax-payers is Mr. Clark's war cry.

The Washington Post.

"The civil service reform business as now conducted is a fraud of the first water. It is one of the inexplicable mysteries of this world how it ever came to be adopted or how it is maintained. There are not two dozen men in the House really in favor of it; there never were two dozen men in any Congress in favor of it, and yet it appears impossible to repeal it. At heart the Republicans are no more civil service reformers than are the Democrats. Their advocacy of it is the monumental hypocrisy of the age. They yell at the top of their voice against spoilsmen, and yet they are the most insatiable spoilsmen that have figured in the Nation's Capitol since William L. Marcy declared that "to the victors belong the spoils of the enemy."

Thus spoke Champ Clark, of Missouri, the tall and athletic member of Congress, who can probably command the attention of the House of Representatives as thoroughly as any other man. Witty, sometimes homely, in his comparisons, few men have better power than he over picturesque speech. He is not one of the frequent orators of the House, but when he rises for a five minute effort the cloak rooms are rapidly depleted and the swinging chairs of members begin to veer around and face toward the seat of the Missouriian at the rear of the Democratic side.

"Harrison," continued Mr. Clark, in speaking of the civil service, "didn't pay any attention to the civil service except to use it for Republican ends, and McKinley will follow suit, notwithstanding a famous declaration that no backward step must be taken in the civil service. He can't stand the pressure. There is but one McKinley. Gen. Grosvenor is as hungry a spoilsman as one would find in a month's journey. The difference between Gen. Grosvenor and the rest of the Republicans is that Gen. Grosvenor is hungry and says that he wants meat, while the others want the meat as bad as Gen. Grosvenor, but deny that they are hungry."

FAVORS THE LIONS OF ATHENS.

"In the internecine war now brewing in the Republican camp and scheduled to break out on the 5th of January my sympathies are with the grim old lion of Athens, who honestly demands a lion's share. I wish I could get Gen. Grosvenor to agree to go further than he wants to go. I think I could make a great man out of him if he would take my advice, and that is, instead of amending the civil service law so as to squeeze out a few Democrats to repeal the whole business. That would give him standing in the country and fame with the people. It might make him President. There is no telling.

"I would offer this amendment myself, but I am afraid I could not get recognition from the chair, while Gen. Grosvenor undoubtedly could, and he is missing a great opportunity if he don't."

"I am totally opposed to the life tenure system in every class of offices whatsoever, judicial, clerical, or otherwise. I am in favor of electing United States Judges for a term of years, instead of appointing them for life. The merit system might be right, if restricted to a long term of years, four or six seven or eight. The life tenure system invariably leads to the pension list from the civil walks of life. That's what the retirement of United States Judges on full pay means. That's a pension system, although disguised under another name. That's what the reduction of aged clerks in the Treasury Department means. I am opposed to the whole business. Ro-

tation in office should be the theory of a true civil service. It helps office holders to go back home and mingle with the tax payers and to become tax payers once in awhile."

The Louisburg Dispensary.

Louisburg, N. C., Dec. 29.—The Louisburg dispensary has now been in existence six months. It has taken the place of six bar rooms in the town. During the year from July 1, those six bars would have paid to the town \$1,800 in license taxes. This would be for a full year. The dispensary has just taken its first semi annual inventory and this shows that from the time from July 1, till today they have a net profit, after the payment of every expense of over \$1,600 and that amount will be declared as dividends for the time. This amount will be divided as follows: \$400 to the public school fund of the county; \$300 to the general county fund, and \$900 to the town treasury. During the time there has not been more than one tenth of the drunkenness that was here during the same period before the opening of the dispensary. The arrests for drunkenness in the town will not show a larger percentage than this and there has not been an arrest in the dispensary. The system is working smoothly and is generally satisfactory.

The Greatest Discovery Yet.

W. M. Repine, editor Tiskilwa, Ill., "Chief," says: "We won't keep house without Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption, Coughs, and Colds. Experimented with many others, but never got the true remedy until we used Dr. King's New Discovery. No other remedy can take its place in our home, as in it we have a certain and sure cure for Coughs, Colds, Whoop-Cough, etc." It is idle to experiment with other remedies, even if they are urged on you as just as good as Dr. King's New Discovery. They are not as good, because this remedy has a record of cures and besides is guaranteed. It never fails to satisfy. Trial bottles free at Shuford Drug Co.'s Drug Store.

New Illustrated Literature.

The Passenger Department of the Seaboard Air Line has just issued two new illustrated books; one entitled "Education in the South" giving a full and complete list and description of Schools, Colleges and Universities along the Seaboard Air Line; the other entitled "Winter Excursions via Seaboard Air Line," in which appears descriptive and illustrated sketches of the numerous winter tourist points reached via the Seaboard Air Line.

An exceptionally convenient feature of this book, is the arrangement of excursion rates and routes to the principal Florida, Texas, Mexico and California resorts which show considerable reduction in total rates, especially to Southern Pines, N. C., the famous winter health resort, which was so well patronized last season.

Copies of these books can be secured by addressing T. J. Anderson, General Passenger Agent, Portsmouth Va., enclosing five cents in stamps to cover postage.

MANY POST-OFFICES ROBBED.

Government a Loser to the Extent of \$6,000 by Operators in North Carolina.

Special to The Washington Post.

Charlotte, N. C., Dec. 26.—The government secret service has just issued a warning to North Carolina post-masters against post-office robbers. For some time past an organized gang has been working in this State. In the three principal robberies the methods were identical. Each post office was at the end of a branch line of railroad. In each case the post office safe door was blown off its hinges by dynamite, and in each case the telegraph wires were tampered with to prevent detection. Each of the robberies was carefully planned and entirely successful.

The first robbery was at Taylorsville, where several hundred dollars in cash and stamps were secured. The second, at Mocksville, where the robbers made a rich haul, and the third at Leaksville, where they secured a considerable sum. Besides these there have been half a dozen other postal robberies in the state and several safe robberies that are laid at the door of the same gang.

The gang is thought to consist of five expert robbers, an old man being the advance agent and planning the crimes. In all in this State they have secured some \$6,000 in booty. Before beginning operations here they robbed a number of post-offices in Virginia and West Virginia.



A consumptive hopes and hopes, but a time comes when hope ends, and the black shadow of despair forecasts the coming of death. Thousands of doctors say that consumption is incurable. Thousands of consumptives believe that there is "nothing much the trouble and that there is no need to bother with medicine." Both are wrong. Consumption is the most deadly of diseases but it is distinctly curable. It has its inception, like all other wasting diseases, in disorders of the digestive organs, and the first step towards its cure must be the relief of these disorders. Ninety-eight per cent. of all cases of consumption are cured by Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery. Thousands of consumptives have testified to their complete and permanent recovery through its use, after they were given up by the doctors and all hope was gone. It corrects all disorders of the digestion, makes assimilation perfect, fills the blood with the life-giving elements that build up new, firm and healthy tissues, and acting directly upon the lungs drives out all disease germs. It is a specific for all lingering, bronchial, throat and lung affections.

"I have been troubled with indigestion and dyspepsia," writes Geo. H. Slater, Esq., of Yates City, Knox Co., Ill., "for the last two years. I got a bottle of your 'Golden Medical Discovery' and took it as you directed. It did me so much good I am going to get another bottle and take it. It is the best medicine in the world for those who have stomach trouble. I have recommended it to several already."

The best medical book ever published in any language is Dr. Pierce's Common Sense and Permanent Recovery through its use. This book has been sold for \$1.50 each. It contains 1,008 pages and 300 illustrations. It gives suggestions for treatment of all ailments. There are also prescriptions. This valuable book, in paper binding, may now be had FREE for the asking. Send 21 one-cent stamps to the World's Dispensary Medical Association, Buffalo, N. Y., to pay the cost of mailing only. If fine cloth binding is desired, send 10 cents extra, 31 cents in all.

AND HE IS A NORTH CAROLINA COON.

ORGANIZED A "HELP OURSELVES SOCIETY" IN NEW YORK.

Got After Vanderbilts, the Wannamakers, Vilases and Even After his Own erstwhile Neighbor, Mr. Rouse for Mouey—He is now in Jail.

The Raleigh Morning Post.

New York, Dec. 28.—G. W. Harris, a North Carolina negro, has been sending threatening letters to several rich men here. Harris was arrested last night, W. H. Vanderbilt, Chas. B. Rouse, Mr. Vilas, of Fifth Avenue Hotel, John Wannamaker and others received letters from Harris.

That to Mr. Vanderbilt said: "We are now about 1,700 in number, and have decided that we must have a few cents apiece for Christmas," and asked for \$50. If this amount were not sent to address, which was subjoined the letter stated that Mr. Vanderbilt would regret it. Letters to others hinted that they would be killed if they did not disgorge.

Going to the address given, the detective found the negro Harris possessed of several similar letters all ready for mailing. He acknowledged that he and seven other Western men some time ago formed an association called "Help Ourselves Society," for the purpose of forcing money from rich men. If money was not forthcoming, it was planned to hold up or kidnap the victims.

On arraignment in court to-day, no one appeared to prosecute him, but he was committed to the workhouse as a vagrant.

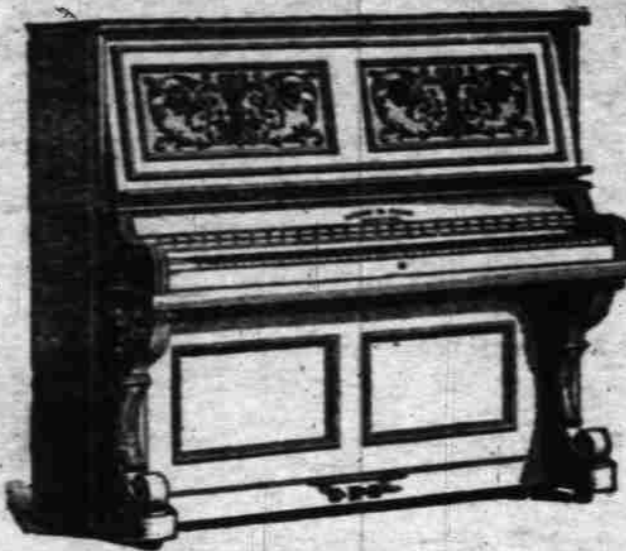
HIS LETTER TO MR. ROUSE.

The letter to Mr. Rouse said: "Dear Sir—We are poor people of this city that is without home and money. Nothing but death could be any worse," and this is our conclusion—that before the eternal heavens, we must have a few cents apiece before the Christmas holidays, and ask that it be your kindness to give us twenty dollars.

"Now confidently, if you refuse, you will have cause to regret it. Please let us have your favor by Wednesday. If not, as early as possible on the 23rd. If you desire we will have a committee to wait upon you. We are only asking those that Providence has so wonderfully blest and fortune has smiled upon."

Harris said to a reporter that he was formerly a "business man" of Littleton, N. C., and left there six months ago, and that he came to New York from Washington about four weeks ago. That after the formation of the society the members adjourned to Cooper Union, where they got free writing material, and Harris, being the best penman of the lot, was assigned to write, while the others sat around him and offered suggestions.

Henry Jackson, a drunken white man, was struck by a train near Greensboro Thursday night. His skull was fractured and he will probably die.



E. M. ANDREWS.

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Don't Tobacco Spit and Smoke Your Life Away. To quit tobacco easily and forever, be magnetic, full of life, nerve and vigor, take No-To-Bac, the wonder-worker, that makes weak men strong. All druggists, 50c or \$1. Cure guaranteed. Booklet and sample free. Address Sterling Remedy Co., Chicago or New York.

A NEWTON WEDDING.

Miss Laura Carpenter Married to Mr. Shuford—Bridal Tour Here.

Miss Laura Carpenter, sister of Mr. Plato Carpenter, of China Grove, was married yesterday afternoon to Mr. B. Shuford, both of Newton. The wedding was witnessed only by a few friends and relatives of the contracting parties and was a very quiet affair.

Immediately after the ceremony the young couple took the Western train and came down to Salisbury. From here they will spend some time visiting relatives.

The bride is quite well known here and is a very attractive young lady. The World extends congratulations to the young couple.—Salisbury World.

KILLED BY A TRAP-GUN.

Lewis Parham Attempted to Break into a Store and Was Caught.

Petersburg, Va., Dec. 28.—Intelligence was received here last night of the killing of Lewis Parham, at Yale, Sussex county. Parham, who was in the employ of G. D. Porridge, a merchant at Yale, attempted to break into his employer's store in the night time, and in doing so he was shot by a trap gun, which Porridge had placed near a window. Parham ran a short distance after being shot, and then fell dead.

W. R. Inge and J. A. Poole, too young men, well connected here, were convicted in the Mayor's Court today of the larceny of 715 pounds of tobacco from W. L. Venable & Co., and were fined \$150 each. Inge had been in the employ of Venable & Co., for years. Poole is a grocery merchant in this city.—Morning Post.

Anger Gave Him Voice.

Louisville, Dec. 28.—Patrick Kelley, a hardwood finisher, who for more than a year has been dumb, suddenly recovered the use of his speech yesterday during a fit of anger. He was greatly surprised to find himself talking, and changed his words, which at first were curses, to a fervent "Thank God!"

He was formerly employed by Mapleson & Co., at Wilmington, Del., and it was when about to curse one of the bosses there that his voice was palsied.

PAYING DEPOSITORS.

In accordance with a recent order of the court the receivers of the Western Carolina bank yesterday began to refund to depositors the money placed in the bank on October 11, the day before the closing.

The supreme court decided that section 38 of the revenue act, regarding imprisonment for nonpayment of taxes, is not lawful.

Reed in the Role of Cavalier.

Washington Post, 15th. Speaker Reed can lay aside the responsibility of running the House and plunge into society with more zest than any man in public life to-day.

At the opera last Monday night Speaker Reed was very much in evidence. He propelled his massive form from box to box, and wherever he settled himself the air echoed with his hilarious laughter. As a cavalier Reed seemed to be a tremendous success. He complimented the brilliantly dressed and attractive looking women, and said the wittiest thing in his inimitable way, until infectiousness of his good nature permeated the whole atmosphere. He chuckled so heartily that his laugh rose above the hubbub of conversation, and withal enjoyed himself so hugely that he seemed like a big boy out of school.

Mr. Reed has in fact, reached that point of life, where, having accomplished much and stepped upon the highest pinnacle of success, he proposed to enjoy life. His recent appointment as referee for the great insurance companies provides him with an income far beyond even his salary as Speaker of the House, so that he has the power and position, with the equally enjoyable freedom from financial shortcomings. He will be, in the future, on the sunny side of life's pathway. Society will claim him as its own.

Weak Lungs

If you have coughed and coughed until the lining membrane of your throat and lungs is inflamed,

Scott's Emulsion

of Cod-liver Oil will soothe, strengthen and probably cure. The cod-liver oil feeds and strengthens the weakened tissues. The glycerine soothes and heals them. The hypophosphites, of lime and soda impart tone and vigor. Don't neglect these coughs. One bottle of the Emulsion may do more for you now than ten can do later on. Be sure you get SCOTT'S Emulsion.

All druggists, 50c. and \$1.00. SCOTT & BOWNE, Chemists, New York.

H. C. DOCKERY NOMINATED.

Judge Fuller Re-nominated for Justice of Land Claims.

Washington, Dec. 16.—The President to-day sent to the senate the following nominations: Joseph McKenna, of California, to be associate justice of the supreme court of the United States; Charles G. Dawes, of Illinois, to be comptroller of the currency; for the court of private land claims, Joseph Reed, of Iowa, to be chief justice; William M. Murray, of Tennessee, and Thomas C. Fuller, of North Carolina, Henry C. Dockery, to be United States marshal for the Eastern district of North Carolina. He also sent in a large batch of recess nominations including consuls, registers of the land office and Indian agents.