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A WHIFF FROM THE PAST. What a Sale of Old Books in Philadelphia Revealed.

Des Moines Register and Leader. An Iowa man who happened to witness a sale of books in Philadelphia a few weeks ago yielded to the charms of the antique and bought a bundle of pamphlets that came from the garret with the dust of several generations upon them. Later investigation showed he had possessed bimself of an odd collection dating back to the 30's and 40's-the period of Webster and Clay, Emerson and Beecher, Irving and Longfellow, still lamented by many as the golden age of America. Surely the curblications of that day would carry the true heroic flavor. So thought the visitor from Iowa when he made his investment, but he has since been, as Mark Twain says, "harassed with doubts."

Birst among the pamphlets was a "Political Catechism" by a writer who had considerable vogue several years ago, but is now wholly forgotten. He seems to have been somewhat ahead of his time, for away back in 1833 he delivered himself thus:

"What great danger besets us pervading the whole mass of society? The excessive and restless struggle of every one to get rich! and it is a matter of regret that so many have a profound reverence for nothing but money.

The old writer goes on to de-clare the country sinking in the year of grace 1833 into "excessive anxiety for wealth" with the inevitable accompaniments of "luxury and private and public

corruption. Another of these pamphlets shows, however, if the fare of statesmen in the Capitol was somewhat different in those brave old days they got much the same treatment when candidates before the country as now. Witness the following characterization of Henry Clay, then a candidate for the Presidential

nomination: "A Christian, who has three or four times shown his bravery by attempting to take away the life of his fellow men in a duel. "A statesman, who is for a lawfully withheld from the lists. the Middle States and a free trade in the South.

A Christian, who fights duels and curses worse than any other man in his State.

A Philanthropist, who, if he cannot have black slaves, is determined to turn his fellow men

into white ones. 'A Republican, whose wife and daughter are too good to

work in the kitchen." In view of all this, especially the last specification, it ought to be plainer to later generations than heretofore why Clay never got to be President.

The White House Expenses.

Charleston News and Courier Some of the Democratic breth-

ren, three-for-a-quarter statesmen made quite a demonstration in the House the other day against the appropriation of \$60.-000 for White House expenses, instead of \$25,000 as heretofore appropriated for this purpose. There were all sorts of protests against such extravagance, the Hon. John Wesley Gaines of Tennessee, declaring among oath. other things, that the White House had been remodelled at an ex; ruse of \$600,000 so that now twe have a building with a tunlife on one side and a coal davour sovereignty expanded our entertaining also expanded. Is not that natural and proper? We cannot be a World Power the present rate does. But the without paying the price. It is utter nonsense to speak of conducting the White House now for the amount that was neces- practical operation. Whenever sary for this purpose fifty, or even twenty-five, years ago, and the howlers against the appropriation asked for the other day would doubtless be the first to It is hard to overcome the habit protest against the adoption of very cheap method at the White been to have our property as-

He Pays His Money and Takes His Choice.

Wilmington Star.

Secretary Root is quoted as saying that he is losing \$125,000 a year by staying in the cabinet. If that's so our advice to Secretary Root would be to get out of the cabinet, unless he enjoys staying in more than he does \$125,000 per an.

The fifth anniversary of the destruction of the battleship Maine was celebrated by four hundred Americans at Havana Sunday.

Listing of Taxes.

Raleigh Times.

The arranging for the collection of taxes, the State requires the tax-payer to list his property; and in a general way it may be said that all a man's property is to be given in and valued, and the rate of taxation applied to the amount, so that the taxes he is to pay will be ascertained. Inequalities in distributing the burden of taxation inevitably attend this process. While the tax rate is uniform, one may escape paying his fair share of the taxes either by not listing all his property, or by its not being asessed at its real value. In the present machinery act an attempt has been made to elimiing a statement of the property of each individually are to be Formerly the oath was somewhat perfunctory; and in many instances it was not required at

It is somewhat remarkable how forgetful a man can be about his property when listing it for taxation; and how prone he is to underrate it on that particular occasion.

Men who will fight for their property will at assessment time torget their ownership.

And so when notes and accounts, credits, are to be listed, many are entirely forgotten. many are entirely forgotten. been free. These would amount still when the day for collecting to some \$1,700 and Scott had bethe interest comes, the memory is amazingly refreshed.

Some tax-payers never have any money on hand, nor any balance in bank. Some claim that all their money is in United States notes, which are not liable to State taxation; and others before June all their cash in bonds of a non-taxable charac-

By such means the amount of property which should be listed

is somewhat reduced.

The law seeks to prevent such evasions, and it requires a full disclosure of all the property a Court was upheld. tax-payer owns. And this is done in a spirit of fairness to the other tax-payers on whose shoulders an additional burden would

North, for a horizontal tariff in the practice that is almost universal of not valuing property for taxation at its real value. a farm could under favorable circumstances be sold for two housand dollars, it is quite likely that it would be assessed for taxation at something like one thousand dollars. In towns houses and lots have a more certain market value, and they are apt to be assessed at what they would sell for at an ordinary sale. Here then is an inequality between town and country property. Besides, in the agricultural districts themselves, the variations in assessments are notable. And this is done in regard to live stock no less than with

> respect to land. It is perhaps, the general rule to undervalue more residences that yield no income to the owner, while stores and premises yielding an income have the

> taxes piled up on them. The law seeks to reduce to a minimum these inequalities which in practice cannot be entirely eradicated and the absolute market value, a value at a fair sale, is called for, under

If these provisions of the machinery act could be perfectly carried into effect, not only would there be considerably more property listed, but the aggregate of the assessed valuation would be largely increased; and a lower rate of taxation would raise more revenue than machinery will not work perfectly. There will ever be trouble in putting the system into present law were sought to be enforced with reasonable strictness, opposition was apparent. of a generation. Our habit has sessed at less than its value, and objection is made to the change. Still the effort should not be relinquished. Year after year, by systematic endeavors, we may approach still nearer to a perfect inventory of the property in the State and to a more correct assessment of its value. When that is finally accomplished, the adjusted than now when so many, by one way or another, escape paying a part of their just share of the necessary taxa-

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DEATH OF DRED SCOTT'S OWNER.

Mrs. Chaffee Who Set the Famous Slave Free Dies in Springfield Massachu-

setts. w York Sur

Springfield, Mass., February 12-A former owner of the famous slave, Dred Scott, died here yesterday. She was Mrs. Irene San-tord Chaffee, widow of Dr. C. C. Chaffee. She was 88 years old and of a leading Virginia family, Her first husband. Dr. John

Emerson, surgeon of the regular army, bought Dred Scott at the negro's earnest solicitation, because his former master had whipped him for gambling. Dr. nate as far as practicable these possibilities. The lists containbut used to employ Scott about his office in St. Louis. When Dr. Emerson died Mrs. Chaffee, actually and solemnly sworn to. who was about to move to this city, told Scott that he was practically free. Scott worked about ing some money out of the man.

The suit for Scott's freedom power will supply the pu was brought in 1848 on the ground necessary to waterworks. that he had become free when he went to free territory north of the Missouri line. The lawyer hoped to secure the wages of Scott for fourteen years, during which time he said he had really tween \$200 and \$300 saved.

The case went against the es-Louis, previous decisions in the central power station. Missouri Courts having been that a slave was freed upon being taken into a free State. It dated utilities should be a powerwas then taken to the Supreme have the habit of investing just Court, where in 1852, the decision of the lower court was reversed. The importance of the point in dispute was then understood and it was fought through capital than the conditions

The decision of the United dends. States Supreme Court given just before the inauguration of President Buchanan, in 1857, startled The towns themselves should again—calling each other liars. promise by the assertion that a slave owner could take his slaves into any part of the United trust is good for the town or for States he pleased. Dr. Chaffee its own citizens. was at that time standing against slavery in Congress, and the fact that his wife owned Scott caused no end of bitter comment on his

position. Mrs. Chaffee, however, though not an abolitionist, was always in sympathy with the cause of the negro. Her ownership of Scott was a pure accident, and immediately after the decision in the lower Courts had been announced she freed the man.

John F. A. Sanford, Mrs. of the estate and acted in this capacity as defendant in Scott's

Beauvoir as a Confederate Home.

New Orleans Times Democrat. raised, and the work so long carried forward by patriotic men and patriotic women in Mississippi and neighboring States has at last been finished. The people of Mississippi have made no mistake in purchasing this historic building and in devoting it to the use of men who wore the the stringent provisions of the gray. It is right that Mississippi, as well as every other Southern State should provide for the Confederate soldier who may require assistance, and it is especially fitting that the old heroes should be permitted to spend their last days in what was once the home of the President of the Confederacy.

We rejoice that a consummation so devoutly wished has rewarded the labors of the good people of Missippi who in the face of difficulty and discouragement, have given their hands and their hearts to this noble work. The people of Louisiana ernment will be more equitably congratulate the Mississippi Sons of Veterans and the Mississppi Daughters of the Confederacy upon the high successs that has crowned their efforts. It is gratifying also to know that the people of Mississippi have at length heroes in gray.

The Town Trust.

St. Louis Republic

The announcement that the chief public utilities of Springfield. Ill., are to be consolidated and operated by a syndicate of Eastern capitalists is full of suggestion for the small town.

and electric rat ways in small towns may be of seeded more profitably with a sing central power station, by one manage-St. Louis at odd jobs and found ment, than with several stations ators warned him that if he de-St. Louis at odd jobs and found employment among other places with a young lawyer who thought he saw the opportunity of making some money out of the man.

tween the freight station and power plant. These companies have sometime found it profitable to build and operate ice tate in the local Court at St. plants in connection with the

That Eastern capital is seeking investment in these consoliful argument in favor of local ownership, preferably municipal ownership, in the small town.

Nothing could better illustrate the evils of control by foreign the United States Circuit Court and in the Supreme Court at Washington, in both of which the decision of the State Supreme Court was upheld.

which might essue in a town whose public utilities were owned and operated by a remote syndicate having for its sole object the earning of large divi-

this fellow men in a duel, statesman, who is for a protective tariff in the protective tariff in ly annulling the Missouri Com- guard against foreign capital and, perhaps inferior service. What is good for an Eastern

Illicit Distilling.

Brooklyn and the Bronx) learned the trade from the bonny Highlander. Scotch whiskey of the best quality and flavor has been other words he had a well dedistilled for ages by men with veloped case of the "monkeys." their apparatus at the side of a burn, changing weekly from could look on and laugh at the according to his taste or fancy fear of discovery, malting on the open heath far up the hills, and drunken delirium, but to others choose one or the other. He cally surges up at the thought of Chaffee's brother was executor hurrying on the whole process it was a spectacle to almost make cannot consort with both. to avoid detection; yet with all the heart sick. these disadvantages they receive the highest price for their product. Several of these men have been employed by way of experiment in a licensed distillery, with directions to proceed in "Beauvoir," once the home of their own way, only to be reguhim who was for four years Pres- lated by the laws under control ident of the Confederacy, be- of an officer, yet with the advancame yesterday the property of tage of the best utensils, the the Sons of Confederate Veter- purest water, and the best fuel aus of the State of Mississippi, they produced a Phiskey far into be dedicated by them as home ferior in quality and flavor to for disabled, indigent or infirm ex-Confederate soldiers. The \$10,000 requisite to purchase and it sustained neither the Beauvoir" has at length been same price nor character in the market

Tobacco Farmilg in Carolina Vinston Tobacco Jour And now they have discovered a district comprising several thousand acres in South Carolina that will produce a good article of cigar tobacco. The soil has been analyzed, and we presume all other conditions thoroughly investigated, and the only thing now to do is for the planters to go to work and raise the fragrant weed. If it is true that the soil and conditions in the district above referred to are favorable the same conditions will apply to certain sections in eastern North Carolina. It looks now as if Virginia, North Carolina and South Carolina were going to be the great tobacco producing states in the union, in quality and variety.

Homer's One Good Point, at Least

Chicago Record-Herald. "I see that Andrew Carnegie thinks Homer didn't amount to

much after all." "That's queer. Surely Homer

PRESIDENT STANDS BY CRUM.

vice of Senators. Washington Post, 17th. The President will not with-The syndicate will own Springfield's gas plant, electric railways, Electric Light, Heat and Power Company, and Hot Charleston, S. C., notwithstand-

Water Heating Company: ing the adverse report of the practically ail the important Senate Committee on Finanae. ntilities except waterworks. A number of Senators called on Capital is just now awaking to the President yesterday and ad-

power will supply the pumping The President's answer was that he had a right to expect the Sen-Consolidation results in ate to vote on the nomination, economy of power, and especial-ly in saving of fuel. In many and that if it led the session die places freight or drayage upon without voting either confirmafuel is sayed, the hauling being tion or rejection, his present purdone by the electric railways be- pose was to make Dr. Crum a

Upward and Onward. Chicago News

Watches which cost at wholesale from \$3 to \$7 each and derfully in value when a burglar from \$75 to \$300.

The Greensboro Telegram will become a morning paper. Mr. Jacob Perkins has sold his interest to his partner, Mr. Hawood.

Strike the Truth Occasionally.

reenville Reflector, 13th.

The legislature should not

Daily Newspaper Published on Ship Crossing Atlantic.

st. Louis Republic.

New York, Feb. 10.-The possibility of maintaining by wireless telegraphy a daily paper at sea has been proved. The Atlantic Transport Company's steamer Minneapolis,

which left here a week ago last Saturday and arrived at London today, reports being in wireless communication either with Cornwall in England or Siasconsett in America all the way across.

The officers of the ship published a newspaper every day containing the news of the world as sent by wireless teleg-

A Woman's Ideas, New York Herald.

A man never seems to realize

shoe laces tied.

yeast of life, and every child wish to hurt his feelings if they taught how to use the correct could. Their purpose is to hold amount to obtain the desired in their own quiet way to their

woman's proper sphere is mar- in other parts of the country prohibition bills was read. It

so much to take chaperons about. What a shock it would be to none of it here and to check the straight from Raleigh that

riage were accepted.

pillow.

The Color Line on Roosevelt.

chmond News Leader.

Some of our Northern con-Declines to Withdraw the temporaries show an unhappy disposition to criticize the Nomination Upon the Adposition of the Richmond News Leader toward Mr. Roosevelt and the color line and our adthat connection. We are described as "extreme" and American press, materialize, scribed as "violent."

The fact is the News Leader has been a warm friend and and Tower are cutting-with the admirer of the President. We assistance of foreign tailors-and never have withheld the praise which are enough to make the small towns are excellent purchases, especially when they may be constanted that lighting places, waterworks and electric real ways in small towns may be constanted that lighting places, waterworks and electric real ways in small towns may be constanted that lighting places, waterworks and electric real ways in small towns may be consequenced more. we felt to be due to him as a angel of Republican simplicity patriotic, brave and intense dissolve in tears.

American citizen with definite Ambassador McCormick has courage to express them and to clad in toggery hat a committee accept the consequences of of experts would have ben puz-The President responded that them. Our contention was that in this color line matter he be left to accept those consequences or the ring master of a circus. as far as the people of the South and Ambassador Tower-he of are concerned.

hold ours.

and teach that there should be ing the spirits of Jefferson and no social difference between the Marcy to revisit this part of this races, that the divergences in mundane sphere and assume the mere accidents of birth no more | corporal entity of the one to lead to be considered than the differ- us back to first principles and the ences in color of hair and shape of nose between persons of the simile of his "black coat circular" same race, that a colored person in which, some of our represenwhich can be purchased at retail is in all respects exactly the tatives abroad had disported as low as \$30 or \$40 go up won- equal of a white person of the themselves at the courts of effete corresponding grade of social monarchies bedecked and beposition, education and cultiva- dizened like drum majors, he ortakes them away, frequently position, education and cultiva-being listed then all the way tion. This description of his dered that they should do the confirmed by his entertainment of Booker Washington and by his reported purpose to have as over the violation of the Marcy his guest at the White House a circular and the insult to the colored man from Boston named memory of Jefferson of which assistant United States district

dieted officially. Considering these position was not violent. It was failed to give this country the want any stronger argument for the South persons of the white enacting a law against whiskey race who choose persons of the osity entitles us to. For what than the condition of one of its colored race as their associates, could be more conspicuousmembers the past week. A sena- guests and hosts are left to the as- though, mayhaps ridiculously tor from a western district—a man of splendid appearance, and of The Southern position is that array of birds of resplendant and The poor mountaineers of the brilliant intellect when his mind between the races there must be vari-colored plumage. Nothing South (and the illicit distiller of is not dulled by the demon of no social connecting links, no drink-moving about in the hotel recognition of equality such as shall dressed in his Sunday-go-to lobby as if he was dodging from would be involved by the in- meeting suit, leading a military snakes or some hobgoblin. In discriminate association of the parade, and wedged in between same persons with both. Every a main body and a band, whose white citizen has the right to raiment would put to blush Jo-Of course there were those who choose between the two races seph's coat. or sense of duty, but he must

> of the equality of the races and is impossible as a social associ-

The Southern people do not exaggerate their own mporthat it is the woman who wears tance. They know that Mr. here-criticism and ridicule of a No. 3A who cannot keep her Roosevelt by reason of many Ambassadors McCormick and things is unlikely to suffer for The man who will allow a association and recognition, and woman to do the courting will that he will not pine for their allow her to do the supporting. companionship. They do not fact that in one way no people run more to "fuss and feathers." own traditions and beliefs and It is the engaged man who ideas of what is necessary and had a good joke on him the feels free to tell every girl that proper for them. Other people other day when one of his local may mix the races as much as prohibited the manufacture and Men avoid the fashionable they like, may break down the sale of spiritous, "venomous" summer resorts because it costs barriers and encourage inter- and malt liquors. The typemarriage with special bounties writer mistook the word vinous if they like. We intend to have for venomous. We also get it some men if their offers of mar- very shortest first steps toward | Senator Reinhardt is one of the A man will laugh at a sentimust have had one good point in mental woman, yet sleep with will be content to stay on the picked as the Democratic candi-Subscribe to THE LINCOLN made ample provision for their Andy's estimation. He didn't her handkerchief under his white side of the line and have date next year for State Treas-Mr. Roosevelt to go on the other urer.

side at his will; but it is a line he cannot straddle or roam on both sides of so far as Southern white people have any say.

Ambassadorial Toggery. hmond News-Lead

Shades of Jefferson and manes of Marcy, if ye are not beyond vice to the Southern people in the hearing of the agonizing cry come forth and rebuke such capers as Ambassadors McCormick

appeared at the court of the czar the given name suggestive of the We have the most profound most halcyon days of mediaeval respect and, many of us, the imperialism-has made obeisance most sincere affection for individuals of the negro race. At the same time, they understand paled in utter insignificance the as we understand, that in social relations there is a well defined line and that they must stay on general at a spring muster. At their side of that line while we such exhibitions the journalistic gorge of this country has risen Mr. Roosevelt is said to believe and the wall has gone up invokcolor and some other matters are solid flesh long enough for the opinions and sentiments was undertaker act as to habiliment. We of course sympathize with contemporaries in their distress

Lewis, whom he had appointed Ambassadors McCormick and Tower have been guilty. Their attorney. This report was defiance of the cardinal doctrines printed in the newspapers of Republican simplicity is shock throughout the country time ing positively shocking and after time and day after day both should be severely repr unchallenged; and, so far as we manded, if not recalled. Other know, never has been contra- considerations apart they have, on the occasions of their discardthe prescribed funeral garb, painfally but politely logical. In conspicuousness as a "world power" our recent strenuwe know of except a chief mar-

Yes, American indignation naturally, justifiably and patriotiour Ambassadors at St. Peters-If Mr. Roosevelt holds the burg and Berlin contributing to opinion he is reported to hold chromatic harmony and brilliancy of court receptions, when they intends to illustrate them in his could have effected a startling personal and official conduct he contrast and infused into the scene the suggestion of woe and ate of Southern white people. mourning. At the same time it That is the short and long of it, is much to be feared that the and there is nothing vicious, chorus of conjuration of the violent or intentionally offensive shades of Jefferson and the in the declaration. If Mr. Roose- manes of Marcy, to the contrary velt feels that the negro is notwithstanding, mingled with socially as good as the white the average American's indignaand should be recognized as an tion, is a feeling that something equal he has no right to be of- is nibbling at his risibles, as he fended and no occasion to be contemplates what a "gry" at a mortified if we take him at his court function abroad must b. own valuation and consider and the American representative who treat him precisely as if he was adheres strictly to the man-a colored man of equal education date in the Marcy circular. Levand cultivation-that is, respect ity apart however, a most absurd his character and admire his rumpus is being kicked up about abilities, but see that he keeps this whole business, and seeing well to his side of the social line that no compromise of principle while we remain on our side. is involved in our representatives Between us is a great gulf fixed. not doing violence to good taste -in their obeying dictates similar to dictates society imposes Tower comes with very poor grace from our papers and people, especially in a view of the

Venomous Liquors. Newton Enterprise, 13th

Senator Reinhardt's associates