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A REASON WHY.

Maj. C. M. Stedman says; oh, so many of Mr. Simmons supporters are clamoring for the appointment of Mr. John Olive of Reidsville for Post Master of that place, some one else says it would be too small for Mr. Simmons to oppose Mr. Oliver's confirmation, when the objection to him is based entirely upon the class of fight Mr. Oliver put up against Mr. Simmons in the primary. The Leader tries to look at things from an honest, and unbiased stand point, and we fail to see the logic of such reasoning. The President of the United States is not expected to appoint his political enemies to place, or power, although the President of the United States is presumed to occupy the broadest position under this government viewed from a political stand point, a fact so well grounded in the public mind that he is asked to make no distinction even among those of his own political faith when exaggeration and misrepresentation has to be resorted to to find a reason, as in the case of Mr. Watts who is seeking the appointment of collector. With all the respect due to every one interested in this matter, we must say that Major Stedman's recommendation of Mr. Oliver in view of his known bitterness to Mr. Simmons, without first ascertaining whether such an appointment would be agreeable to Mr. Simmons was an aggravated affront, hardly to have been expected of Major Stedman. However Mr. Stedman's recommendations seems to have been the first work worth mentioning the Major has found the time to do since he began his term in Congress, and drawing his salary of \$7,500 per annum. This District seems full of Simmons men who are complaining because of the littleness in Mr. Simmons in opposing Mr. Oliver confirmation, but an investigation reveals the fact that most of them were of the same class of Simmons men that Mr. Oliver was. We have nothing personal in this matter, but it has become an issue that we feel at liberty to discuss, it and in doing so will treat it as its merits seems to warrant.

There is a great hurrah about the primary, and perhaps it is the most fair way of selecting officials to serve in a public capacity, but it has drawbacks, and some of them are serious. The fellow financially able to enter a primary, that is voluble with words, can prattle a way at a great rate, may be the fellow that can catch the public ear and may be win the votes, but a more modest man, might be able to serve his constituency with greater faith, and honesty.

Jack Johnson the negro pugilist of Chicago who has had quite a hankering for a white wife says he is financially broke. If Jack had all ways been in that condition it would have been much better for him and his race. Jack has shown what a dangerous combination money and an unprincipled fool may make. But after all was not the white scoundrels that aided and abetted in the fight in which Johnson won his money equally responsible for the mess.

The City of Sleep.

Over the edge of the purple down.
Where the single lamplight gleams,
Know ye the road to the Merciful Town
That is hard by the Sea of Dreams—
Where the poor may lay their wrongs away
And the sick may forget to weep?
But we—pity us; Oh, pity us!
We wakeful; ah, pity us!
We must go back with Policeman Day—
Back from the City of Sleep!
Weary, they turn from the scroll and crown,
Fetter and prayer and plow—
They that go up to the Merciful Town,
For her gates are closing now.
It is their right in the Baths of Night
Body and soul to steep,
But we—pity us! Oh, pity us!
We wakeful; oh, pity us!
We must go back with Policeman Day—
Back from the City of Sleep!
Over the edge of the purple down,
Ere the tender dreams begin,
Look—we may look—at the Merciful Town,
But we may not ever in.
Outcasts all, from her guarded wall,
Back to our watch we creep;
We—pity us; ah, pity us!
We wakeful; oh, pity us!
We must go back with Policeman Day—
Back from the City of Sleep!
—Rudyard Kipling.

Woman Suffrage.

"I am firmly opposed to women's suffrage in England, and my opposition rests chiefly upon two broad general considerations—one, that I do not believe women can fit themselves for political life and take an active part in it without neglecting to a disastrous extent the even more important duties which belong to their sex; the other, that I am convinced that so far as the practical advantages are concerned which they hope to reap from their votes these can be secured more effectively by other methods."—Alley-Ireland.

Lord Stanhope of England says:
"It is not generally recognized, I think, that although a considerable number of women in England are convinced believers in the suffrage as a solution of a large number of real or fancied wrongs to which their sex is subjected, the militants tactics are to a great extent in the hands of paid women, who are making money out of the agitation."
So long as women remain a privileged class the attitude of the average man toward them will be one of anxiety to do the fair thing by a body of persons who are unrepresented; there will be a general feeling of chivalrous consideration. But the moment the women give up their position of privilege and take their stand upon so-called rights one inevitable consequence will be a lowering of the woman's status in social relations. Many people suggest that women will cling to their privileges even when they have secured their "rights," but any such effort will be unsuccessful. It would not be playing fair, and, after all, the sense of fair play is deeply imbedded in the masculine mind.

DAVID AND GOLIATH.

The Bible Story as Told by Billy Sunday.

(From The Chicago Record-Herald.)
Evangelist "Billy" Sunday, who has been conducting a series of revival meetings in Wilkesbarre, Pa., recently gave his version of the encounter between David and Goliath as follows:
Saul and all of his sons except David went off to war; they left David at home because he was only a kid. After a while David's ma got worried. She wondered what had become of his brothers, because they had telephoned to her or sent word. So she said to David, "Dave, you go right down there and see whether they are all right."
So David pikes off to where the war is, and the first morning he was there out comes this big Goliath, a big, strapping fellow about 11 feet tall, who commenced to shoot off his mouth as to what he was going to do.
"Who's that big, stiff putting up that game of talk?" asked David of his brothers.
"Oh, he's the whole works; he's the head cheese of the Philistines. He does that little stunts every day."
"Say," said David, "you guys make me sick. Why don't some of you go out and soak that guy? You let him get away with that stuff." He decided to go out and tell Goliath where to head in.
So Paul said: "You'd better take my armor and sword." David put them on, but he felt like a fellow with a hand-me-down suit about four times too big for him, so he shook them off and went down to the brook and picked up a half-dozen stones. He put one of them in his sling, threw it and soaked Goliath in the coco between the lamps, and he went down for the count. David drew his sword and chopped off his block, and the rest of the gang skidded.
Evangelist "Billy" apparently believes the plain people want rag-time salvation.

Who is dumb? He who does not know how to say kind things at the proper time.—Hindu Proverb.

That great mystery of Time, were there no other; the illimitable, silent, never-resting thing called Time, rolling, rushing on, swift, silent, like an all-embracing ocean tide, on which we and all the Universe swim like exhalations, like apparitions which are, and then are not; this is forever very literally a miracle; a thing to strike us dumb—for we have no word to speak about it.—Thomas Carlyle.

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