

NO DOUBTFUL SOUTHERN STATES.

The New York Journal sizes up the situation exactly in the following:

President McKinley has declined to send Federal troops to join Taylor's moonshiners in dancing on the constitution of Kentucky. But short of that impossible indecency he has done what he could to encourage the patron and beneficiary of the assassins of Goebel by addressing him as the governor of the state.

There was no occasion for Mr. McKinley to interfere in the Kentucky matter on one side or the other. By assuming to prejudice the dispute and recognizing the lawless usurper who has made himself an accomplice, after if not before the fact, in a cowardly attempt at murder, he has drawn upon his party at large the odium it has accumulated in Kentucky.

The president is said to have been apprehensive lest the complications in Kentucky might cause a dispute about the electoral vote of the State. He may set his mind entirely at rest. There will be no complications about the electoral vote of Kentucky or any other southern state. The only question will be whether the Republicans will outnumber the prohibitionists.

The little Republican flurry in the south, disastrous as it has been to the communities it has afflicted, is over. Addicks in Delaware, Wellington in Maryland, Pritchard in North Carolina and Taylor in Kentucky have run their race of bossism. Hereafter there will be no question of gold or silver Democrats. There will be simply Democrats, working together for home rule, law and order.

At the last election in Kentucky Taylor was in a minority of 9,757, as compared with the total Democratic vote. The 191,331 Democrats who supported Goebel and the 12,140 who supported Brown will get together now, and, reinforced by thousands of Republicans who have no use for assassination and anarchy, they will pile up a majority next time that even the barbarians from the feud counties will have to respect.

The figures printed in the "Ledger" yesterday, showing how American commerce has gained on that of England in the past twenty-five years, make a significant comment on the doctrine that "trade follows the flag." Most of this advance was made when England's flag went all over the world, while that of the United States floated nowhere but in its own country.—Philadelphia Ledger, Ind.

The Scientific American says that in the Cuban war about 99 out of every 118 Americans shot made complete recoveries. Judging from the pension applicants, says the Asheville Citizen, we had supposed that about 118 out of every 99 were made hopeless cripples.

When the government has to enforce a high tariff and offer subsidies to protect and encourage American industries, there is no excuse for taking other countries under its protecting wing.—Durham Herald.

It is asserted that the Nicaragua canal bill will certainly pass at this session of congress.

The Effect of His Face.
An amusing story is told at the expense of Winston Churchill, the author. An old man, seeing the picture of Churchill displayed in the window of a Baltimore bookseller, inquired of a bystander whom it represented.

"Winston Churchill," was the reply.
"Where does he preach?"
Being told that Mr. Churchill was not a preacher, he asked: "Ain't he? What did you say his name is?"
"Winston Churchill. He writes novels."

"Does what?"
"Writes novels."
The man shook his head with a look of pity and declared: "Too bad! Too bad!"
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LIVE HIGH ON CREDIT

DAINTY DINERS WHO GET COSTLY MEALS FOR NOTHING.

How Some Big Accounts That Are Never Paid Are Run Up at the Fashionable Restaurants That Flourish in New York City.

Legal proceedings recently taken to recover from a well known citizen who belongs to the "fashionable" class the amount of a tailor's bill revealed the fact that the man was poor, had no money and no means of support and owed many bills. Besides tailors, shoemakers and hatters, he owed money to florists, jewelers, livery stable keepers, dealers in theater tickets, shirtmakers, stationers and restaurateurs. One of the largest bills against the man was contracted in the course of several years at a prominent up town restaurant.

"You must have been hung up for a great spread," said a patron of the place to the manager, pointing to the item.

"Not at all," he answered. "That bill represents hundreds of charges and has grown slowly to its present magnificent proportions."

"But how is it done—how do people run big bills in a restaurant?"

"Well, in the first place, because we look upon men who come here as gentlemen and treat them accordingly. I don't remember just how the account in question was opened, but usually it is done in this way: Some day, after a man receives his check, he scrawls his name across its face and tells the waiter, 'I'll pay this tomorrow; it's all right,' and then if the person in charge at the desk marks it 'O. K.' the check is 'hung up,' and an account is opened with the man.

"In most instances the man comes back, as he said he would, the next day and settles his little bill and thanks us for accommodating him. If, however, the man intends to work the house, he does not come back the next day and settle, but waits three or four days. Then he drops in and orders a modest luncheon or a not elaborate dinner and scribbles his name across the check, gives the waiter a tip, and the new account receives its first addition.

"Little by little the account grows, but never by any really large charge, and when at last the man has a little dinner party with a big appetite the check is liable to be 'O. K.' because the account is already so large that it would be poor policy to turn it down.

"When the account has grown so large that we think it should have attention, we give the head waiter a tip, and without telling the man in so many words he is given to understand that cash would be preferred to an autograph. Sometimes the man takes the hint and makes a payment or asks for more time and tells us that he will pay as he goes, and he remains a customer without increasing his account, but generally he leaves us and goes to some other place and complains about poor service here and in other ways tries to injure our business because he can't have what he wants to eat and drink for nothing. His account remains open, and when it becomes outlawed we put it on the list which bears many good names, but we never dun the man."

To show how anxious some people are to have it known that they are well acquainted in the fashionable restaurants the following story was told:

"Some months ago a man came here early in the day and said that he would have a little party of friends to supper with him after the theater that evening and ordered what he wanted. His order showed that he was unaccustomed to the part, but it is our business to fill orders, and we said that his supper would be served all right. Then he laid down a sum of money, more than enough to pay the bill, and said, 'This will save me the trouble this evening,' and went away. The supper passed off nicely, the man's friends from the country or the country part of the city seemed to enjoy their spree, and finally the host asked for his check, looked at it and then said grandly and loud enough for all to hear, 'Charge it.' The supper was a 'grand' affair in the eyes of the guests, but the climax—the order to 'charge it'—overwhelmed them, and I dare say the man accomplished his object, which was evidently to make himself solid with his guests."—New York Tribune.

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