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CENTRALIZATION.

These are the days when the centralization idea prevails. To spell nation with a big N, to aggrandize the Federal Government in every possible way, and to sneer when it is hinted that a State has any rights or any powers, are the distinguishing marks of the modern "statesman."

It has not always been thus. There has been a time when the States were all there was in this country. This was after the Revolution and before the Constitution was adopted. There were then thirteen States. Each was free, independent and sovereign.

It is true that during this time, for purposes of mutual aid and protection, the necessity for union among the States was universally acknowledged. But no union worthy of the name existed. There was some attempt to unite under the Articles of Confederation. The ties that bound the States together were so loose that they amounted practically to no ties at all.

A few years experience with the Articles of Confederation demonstrated that a general government to be useful must be a government in fact as well as in name; and that its authority in those matters over which it had jurisdiction must be binding alike on the States and on individuals.

To this necessity for a general government, with sovereign powers, does our Constitution owe its origin. What is this Constitution? It is the charter by virtue of which alone our present Federal Government exists. It is the "title-deed" to all the power that government has and can exercise. It consists in a voluntary transfer by the States to the United States of certain powers necessary for the general good, to be administered by a central authority. The only powers therefore that can be exercised by the United States are those granted by the Constitution, and those powers are ample for all the purposes for which the Federal Government was formed. In all those matters not granted by that instrument the States to-day have the same sovereignty they have always had. This would have been so if the Constitution had been totally silent on the subject. But it is not silent. Before Virginia would ratify it, she insisted that an express declaration on this point be inserted. Hence the tenth amendment, "the powers not granted to the United States by the Constitution, nor prohibited by it to the States, are reserved to the States respectively, or to the people." Can anything be plainer or more explicit?

These are matters of elementary constitutional history, you say. So they are, and every school boy ought to know them. But in some way a large proportion of the leading men of the country, Representatives, Senators and even Judges, seem strangely either to forget or ruthlessly ignore them.

It is vitally important that the fundamental principles of our government be strictly adhered to. Any departure from them is fraught with danger. Acts of to-day may furnish precedents that in future days will rob us of all order and liberty. If the general government does not possess sufficient powers let us amend the Constitution and give them to it. But until this is done let us stick by the Constitution and not interpret and legislate it out of existence.

THE "WORLD" AND HILTON.

The New York World has finished up with Clerk Jarvis and Sheriff Plack and now has on its list Judge Henry Hilton. Hilton's "absorption" of the Stewart millions is the reason the World gives for "clamping on his trail." It accuses him of everything that is mean and diabolical. "Swindler" and "thief" are some of the little pet names that are applied to him. The World excels in the ascendancy Hilton pos-

sessed over Stewart by saying it was due to a guilty secret involving Stewart's character and known only to Hilton. Hilton is prosecuting the World for libel, not on account of the things it has published against himself, but on account of what it had to say about Stewart. Since the prosecution was begun the World continues very industriously to peg away at Hilton, increasing in bitterness and venom all the time.

We do not undertake either to applaud or condemn the World's course in this case. We do not know enough of the merits of the case—whether the charges against Hilton are well founded, what he has to say in defense of himself or the object the World expects to accomplish by its crusade. The World ought to be able to give the best kind of reasons for its conduct in this matter, even if what it has to say is true. A newspaper these days, especially one of the great metropolitan dailies, can, by a word, blacken and ruin a man's character forever. If this word is spoken wrongfully and unjustly, an injury is done to the individual for which there is no adequate redress.

The right to be let alone belongs to a man just as securely as his right to be tried by a jury of his peers. It is a very rare thing that a newspaper is justifiable in making a personal attack on a private citizen. Freedom of the press is a great thing; it is one of the mud-sills of a free government, but there is such a thing as too much freedom.

THE CONTEST IN THE SIXTH DISTRICT.

Many signs point to a heated fight for the Congressional nomination in this District. Already seven candidates for the nomination have been entered, and the season is not up yet. The interesting feature of the game is that all the contestants are men of ability and fitness for the place, each exceptionally so, if we take the testimony of his special admirers. That either would make a creditable representative we do not gainsay, better than the average man now on the floor of the House. It is not then a question of fitness, rather it is a question of availability and of a representation that will best conserve the weal of the Democratic party and contribute most to the general interest of the larger number of those who are to be represented. To this gauge the question seems to have settled and it has become necessary, in presenting the claims of any one candidate, to indicate his "calling and election" as to a business status. What profession or occupation is he engaged in, and what promise does his business relation sustain to the larger number of the people? We have farmer candidates and we have lawyer candidates. How many distinctively, of each, we have forgotten. We know this, however, that Richmond county presents a man who is more nearly a round representative of the two combined than any other man in the District. Not being an organ, the Rocket would not assume to dictate to the Convention its duty, rather would we bow our heads to its decree and go for the man it nominates, provided always he is a fit man and sound Democrat, even though our predictions were entirely ignored. Everything else being equal, we may be found always for Richmond county and in the present contest we recognize in her candidate for Congressional honors a man equal at least in ability to any other of the aspirants; singularly gifted in powers of public speaking, which are heightened in effect by good appearance before a crowd; literally brought up on a farm, and now connected extensively with farming operations in this county; long in the practice of law; and in both occupations he may be reckoned to have achieved a very fair success. We will add, although it would seem unnecessary after the portrayal given above, that Richmond's candidate is James T. LeGrand, Esq.

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Another Horror.

NORWICH, N. Y., May 8.—Georgia Dibble and her pipe caused the loss of 13 lives in the Chenango county poor house last night at midnight. She was an inmate of the insane ward, and after finishing her pipe she put it in her pocket. Her clothing caught fire, and from them the fire spread until the flames enveloped the whole building.

So fierce was the heat and so rapidly had the fire spread that the keepers were compelled to retreat to save themselves. A few of the idiots, babbling and jabbering, ran with the keepers, who cried the alarm as they went. Some of the patients were so badly burned that they fell to the ground as soon as they reached a place of safety.

There are still a considerable number of violent patients in the woods. Most of those who escaped had been kept in the closest confinement on account of the peculiar nature of their maladies, and it is not at all safe for them to be at large. The posse of the sheriff is scouring the entire country in search of the fugitives. Two of the seven who were captured were found five miles away and resisted vigorously before they allowed themselves to be re-taken. Thirteen perished in the flames. The loss on the building is \$40,000.

Senator Beck Drops Dead.

WASHINGTON, May 8.—Senator Beck, of Kentucky, dropped dead at the Baltimore & Potomac Railroad station, in this city, a few moments after 4 o'clock this afternoon.

The Senator spent yesterday in New York city, and had just arrived on the 4 o'clock train from that city. He alighted from the train and while passing into the station fell, and immediately expired.

The news of his death was telephoned to the Senate. Upon its announcement, the Senate at once adjourned.

Senator Beck had been to New York, where he had been consulting physicians in regard to his health. He said a few moments before he dropped dead, to a friend who stopped him as he was getting his baggage checked, that he felt very well, and that his New York doctor told him there was nothing seriously the matter with him. Hardly had he uttered the last word before he dropped dead. His daughter, Mrs. Goodloe, who had been to New York with him, called for assistance, and the Senator was laid upon a stretcher.

Sensors Ransom, Paddock, Walthall, and Butler arrived at the depot in a few minutes, and accompanied the remains to the residence of Congressman Breckenridge.

HIS CAREER.

Senator Beck was born in Scotland, Feb. 13, 1822. He received an academic education in his native land, and, coming to this country as a youth, graduated in law at Transylvania University, Lexington, Ky., in 1846. He practiced law in Kentucky for many years, and held no office (although he took part in politics) until he was elected to Congress in 1869. He remained a member of the House of Representatives for 8 years, when he was elected to the Senate. He took his seat in the Senate March 3, 1877, and he was twice re-elected.

A Cat's Fatal Bite.

DANVILLE, Va., May 9.—A special to the Register from Ruffin, N. C., says: David Stokes, a colored man, attempted to drive a house cat from the room, and poked it with a stick. The animal became enraged, flew upon Stokes, and buried her teeth in his arm. The animal held on with such tenacity that it was necessary to sever her head from the body before friends could release the man from the clinked teeth. Stokes was taken ill, and though he showed no symptoms of hydrophobia, he died in 24 hours.

A Sad Condition.

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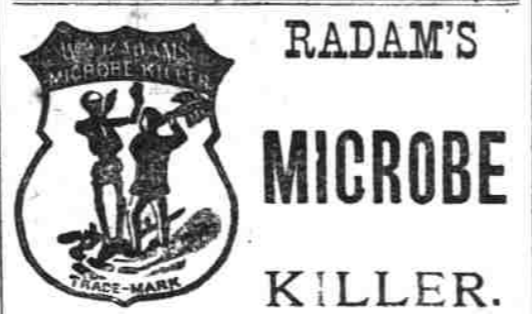
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NORTH CAROLINA, RICHMOND COUNTY.

In the matter of unincorporative will of Giles E. Wishart, deceased, to Walter Wishart and Annie Bell Wishart: You are hereby notified that a petition has been filed in this office to admit to probate the unincorporative will of Giles E. Wishart, deceased, and you are therefore required to appear before me at my office in Rockingham in said county on the 5th day of June, A. D. 1890, and show cause, if any you have, why the prayer of said petition shall not be granted.

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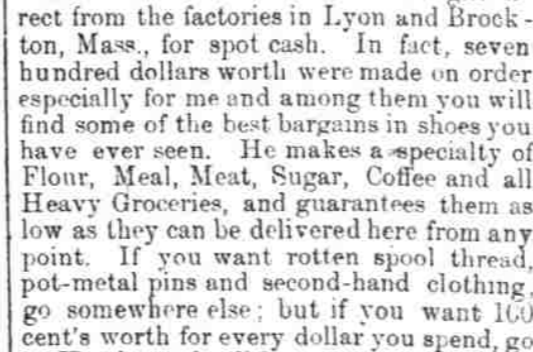
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