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nected With the Early Settlers of Western North Carolina. BY COL. T. G. WALTON.

[CHAPTER 3.]

RANSOM HERNE. About this time a very laughable occurrence took place. Ransom Herne (whom many will remember) had for years indulged too freely in the "overjoyful," but had been converted under the thrilling eloquence of a distinguished temperance lecturer, signed a pledge of total abstinence, and had determined to abandon the old habit, On a table near him was a keg of whiskey with the bung open. Jostled by the crowd the keg turned, and its contents began rapidly running out. As quick as thought Ransom sprung and righted the

Why, Ransom!" I exclaimed. "You, a strict temperance man, to be guilty of saving a pernicious to the assembled guests, he took poison!" With downcast look, he up the violin, and, flourished the said, "Squire, I know it was wrong, but I could not help hating to see it wasted." Loud laughter and W. C. Tate, our violinist of the long column, two deep, was then did you ever hear me play on the formed. The banner in front, borne by Duckworth and George Nail, the procession shouting and Col. Carson repeated: "I say, Dr. singing the old log cabin and hard Tate, did you ever hear me play on the cider songs, without breaking fiddle?" "No sir, never in my life," ranks, entered the court room, where the election was then held, up stairs at the north, and passed out at the south, having deposited can well imagine how the Dr. their votes for the Whig candidates appreciated the joke. while passing the judges' stand in of the Van Burenites.

HON. JAMES GRAHAM.

was distributed in the county. At it will hurt the hogs." a discussion at Carson's, on Buck Dr. John Carson, one of his sons ties would not be worth shucks. creek, Graham criticised and ridi- by the second wife, was born with culed the address, saying, "among white hair which was not changed

Mark Brittain, an old citizen, and for many years sheriff of the speedily done, his head bound up have any idea that there is such county, was elected to the state senate in 1831 and 1833. A structed to go to bed, and wash body and under one fence, larger man of respectable character, es- thoroughly with soap in the morn- than some states in the union, yet teemed by the people and loved by his neighbors. In some respects he was peculiar. His address and manner showed he had a good measure of self-esteem. I know several anecdotes concerning him, "Come in, I am ruined," (in those the X. I. T. cattle company. It some of them not being proper for days the hair was worn long.) begins with the Colorado line and "ears polite," of course I must omit. His manner and conversation attracted attention in the legislature. shade and color from white to railroad runs through it. Some There was an occurrence in which he and the celebrated wit, Jack Stanly, took a part, that convulsed the members of the senate, that comes under the prohibited head aforesaid. Being on another occasion asked what county he represented, he replied : "I am the pivot on which the county of Burke | ing him he would send the barber | would be considered large in some revolves." He carried a large to shave off the hair, and substi- countries .- St. Louis Globe Dem. hickory cane in honor of "Old Hickory," having been his enthu siastic supporter in 1828 The cane was mounted with a silver head, on to Charleston, some of his cattle which was engraved his initials, had become tired and he was Neb., recently, Chas. Moser, prest "M. B." On being asked by some forced to leave them with a farm- dent of the Capital National Bank member of the legislature what the initials stood for, he replied,"Mountain Boomer, sir." In 1833, being a candidate for

politics, and was now an ardent tried to convince him of the fact, sentenced to the penitentiary for friend of Mr. Clay. At a gather- but, the farmer said : "You don't life for stealing a single copper ing of the people to hear the candidates for congress and the state man left some cattle with me, rode into Chadron, Neb., and held legislature speak in an orchard in but no such looking buck as you," up a mail carrier. His crime net the rear of the old house of Mr. W. Mull, Uncle Mark denounced the the cattle up till the Dr. of neces- pleaded guilty. The statute pro-Democratic party. W. I. Tate, a son of Mr. William Tate, of Hickory Grove, rose to his feet and charged him with being a "turncoat." Unabashed, he coolly replied, "Why, Jefferson, my son, don't you know-

'While the lamp holds out to burn, The vilest sinner may return.' "

Uncle Mark was elected, laid aside the hickory stick and named his fine claybank horse "Henry Clay." he poured it in as a solice to human infirmities. When under its influence, he wore a kind of turban of red color, at other times and ings whatever with men, or in discharge of the duties of his office as charge of the duties of his

COL. JOHN CARSON.

Col. John Carson, one of the wealthy and respected citizens of the county, resided during his known as Buck Creek; having its source near the crest of the Blue Ridge, and famous for the delicious brook trout that abound in its pellucid waters. Col. Carson was closely connected with the McDowells, his first wife a daughter of "Hunting Jno." McDowell; his second, Mary Moffett, the widow of Major Joseph McDowell, of Pleasant Gardens, Of these two long life on the beautiful stream



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wives he had eight children; by

Jos. McD., Charles, Jason and Re-

and highly regarded by their

neighbors, sustaining the emi

nence their ancestors had attained

in all the relations of life. Col.

mon sense, dignified, suave in

manner and mien, and of ready

wit, not infrequently tingued with

sarcasm. An instance, illustrating

this propensity of Col, Carson I

once witnessed while accompany-

ing Mr. Harvy Wilson on his way

to marry Miss A. Patton, of Ashe-

ville, with a number of his friends

and relatives from Morganton.

Scopping for the night at the hos-

pitable mansion of Col. Carson and

all being very jovial as befitted

the occasion; a good part of the

night was spent in rather boister-

ous revelry. The following morn-

ing the old gentleman entered the

room and after making a low bow

bow, aping the attitude of a coun-

fiddle?" "No sir, I never did,"

said Dr. Tate. With emphasis

said Dr. Tate. "No; and you never

done, and agreed to go with him

tute a handsome wig. The Dr.

he started for home. On his way

the satisfaction of the farmer.

many of the best class of the citi-

zens of "Auld Lang Syne" was

fond of old peach brandy, and

(To be Continued.)

It May Do as Much for You

Mr. Fred Miller, of Irving, Ill., writes

that he had a Severe Kidney trouble

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THE LAND OF BIG PASTURES.

the first three sons and a daughter, Texas Has Fields as Large as an Ordinary becca; by the second five sons, Very few people at a distance in Dr. John, Wm. M., Sam'l P., George and Logan. These were men in their day, looked up to, Carson was a man of strong comfour counties.

Just west of this place (Belcherville, Texas), writes a correspondand the Worsham pastures. This grain on which sheep feed. There latter contains fifty thousand acres, are no habitations for men. and has one line of fence twentythree miles long. Pastures of immense flocks which are often what is known as the Goodnight ranch, the southern boundary of business. which is a little string of fence Goodnight, as the owner is familafternoon to stop hog holes in that the sheared fleece of a sheep. line of fence. It is hardly likely He was never allowed to taste all fences in this country are built to associate with other dogs or jeering ensued at his 'expense. A past night, he said: "Dr. Tate, to turn cattle and without refer with children. His only associates residence and the depot. Mr. Goodnight lives in almost baronial will" replied our host, and turning berds of buffaloes to be found in

abruptly he left the room. One the United States. Another fair-sized holding of land is that of the Espinella cattle | flocks in the vast and lonely plain A man travelling east on the company. This tract contains over procession, to the utter disordering road which was directly in front 1,500,000 acres, and takes in parts of the house on the west bank of of Dickens, Crosby and Emma sign of a stranger the dog barks. favorably with the steel manufacthe creek, having gone half a mile counties. If the land were in the Then a remarkable sight is to be turers of the country. Just at or more to where the public road form of a square it would be about seen. The oldest and strongest present we are not, though the form which spoke of past services to their Hon. James Graham succeeded crosses the Catawba river, dis- fifty miles each way. The Matter- ram of the flock advances to the Samuel P. Carson as representa- covered a number of hogs destroy- dore is smaller, but still includes dog's side. All the other rams to the discovery of deposits of tive in congress from this district, ing a field of fine corn. Wheeling rather more than 1,000,000 acres. come forward and take their places good steel-making ore in Michigan, and served until 1843, when he was his horse he rapidly retraced his These are both owned by syndi near by, facing the foe. The ewes on the banks of Lake Superior. defeated by Hon, Thomas L. Cling- course and with loud voice, cates with headquarters in Lon- and lambs huddle closely together The ore comes from what are man, each claiming to be the bet- brought the Col. to the door. don, and they are only two select behind their defenders. ter Whig. An address to the vo- Very excitedly, he said: "Colonel, ed at random out of a large num- The dog does the talking for the and can be very cheaply mined by ters of Burke, signed by Capt. C. your corn on the river is being ber. They have their bearings on whole party and gives all the or- steam shovels and loaded by them McDowell and myself, advocating ruined by a large number of state politics. If it were not for ders, acting the part of a com- directly on the cars. and endorsing Clingman's claims hogs." "Well sir," (was the reply), the railroad commission, the uni- manding general, but the rams and charges against his competitor "let them ruin it, I don't suppose form text book bill, and the alien with their blg, cruel horns and land holder question, Texas poli strong heads, do the fighting.

me. He would have never ap-proved such a document as this." James, a merchant at that time ment therefor they received 3,000,-My father being informed of this, living in Charleston. Being old 000 acres of public lands. Does said to me, with some exhibition friends, and the only acquaintance the reader realize how big 3,000, of temper, "When next you sign a in the city, he stopped at the hotel 000 acres of land is? Imagine a paper of any kind, do it in such a where my brother boarded. The slice of land twenty-four miles manner that people will know it is Dr. said to him that he had seen wide and extending clear across not my sign manual." I agreed, an advertisement that white hair the state of Missouri at its northand changed my signature there | could be permanently dyed, and ern border. Such a strip would after from "Thomas G." to T. Geo. if so he had come to the con- include the whole northern tier of clusion to have his dyed black | counties, and would be larger than | Walton told him it was often several states of the union. This would be about the extent of the to the barber. The dyeing was syndicate's pasture. Few people with a towel, and he was in- a thing as a single pasture in one ings Morning came; breakfast such is the fact. More than that, over, but the Dr. had failed to ap- it is owned by a foreign syndicate. pear. Walton hastened to his It takes in half of Deaf Smith room and knocked at the door, county and parts of several others.

"Is it you, James?" said the Dr. | Another large pasture is that of There stood the Dr. with a mass of extends several counties back this long disheveled hair, of every way. The Fort Worth & Denver black, like Jacobs' cattle, ring- idea of its size may be gathered streaked, striped, speckeled and from the fact that the regular night spotted. His friend James was so express train enters on the south convulsed with laughter at his side of the pasture at 11.05 and ludicrous appearance that he could after continuous running leaves it not speak at first, but at last see- at 3.20 the next morning. A pasting the lugubrious expression of ure which it takes an express train his face, came to his relief by tell- three hours and a quarter to cross

was cheered, the wig put on, and The More You Steal the Lighter the Pun-

In the Federal Court in Omaha, er, some distance from the city. of Lincoln, was sentenced to the Reaching the man's house on his penitentiary for five years for stealreturn he said he had come for his ing \$1,000,000. In the same court cattle. "I have no cattle of yours, week before last A. M. DeFrance, the senate, he had changed his sir," said the farmer. The Dr. a South Dakuta cow boy, was fool me : an old white headed cent. Two months ago DeFrance and he utterly refused to give ted one cent. He was caught and sity had to take off the wig, and vides no lesser penalty for his explained the metamorphosis to crime than life penalty. The more you steal the lighter the punish Colonel Carson, like a great ment.

"Gentle As The Summer Breeze." "I'd rather take a thrashing any time would occasionally indulge rather than a dose of pills," groaned a patient freely, in his libatious, but in-stead of pouring out according to physic. "I'd as lief be sick with what ails the hickory stick and named his the heathen mode, on the earth, me now, as to be sick with the pills."

the heathen mode, on the earth, "I don't think you've taken any of

The best thing of the kind ever invented. No danger of their making you sick. You'll hardly know you've taken them. I wouldn't use any other in my practice."

SMART SHEPHERD DOGS.

They Take Entire Care of a Flock Wit out Anyone's Direction

In South America, in the region thinking of western Texas under of the great pasture plains, dogs stand that nearly the whole of it is are trained to be shepherds. I do at present fenced up in mammoth | not mean that a dog goes out with pastures, yet such is the case. the herdsmen and helps watch the Many of them are larger than or- flock. I mean that the dog goes dinary counties, and some of them out alone and that he takes the embrace large parts of three or entire care of the sheep without anyone's direction. In South America there are vast plains where for miles and miles there is ent, come the Silverstein, the Ikard little vegetation save the short

On these vast pastures there are about this size continue in almost | left for several days at a time with | unbroken succession until we reach only a dog to take care of them. Armstrong county. There we find But well he knows how to do it, for he has been trained for the company say? Their explanation

that this is the case, however, as of meat. He was not permitted esting. ence to hogs. There is a little rail-way station called Goodnight, strong friendship, all the loyalty, which consists of the Goodnight all the protecting institut which belongs to a good dog's nature were turned towards sheep. The President of the Pennsylvania style. His park contains deer, a little dog grew to love sheep, to Steel Company. These two cordrove of elks, and one of the few play with sheep, and, above all, to porations are in a certain sense watch over sheep and protect them.

No hungry stranger could apand help himself to a lamb without being noticed. No! at the first

The largest of these alien land bave sheds near enough, the dog holdings belong to what is called drives the flock out to pasture and other things," caustic, "Who is in color at maturity. In connecting the capitol syndicate. A few years brings them back in the evening. I well know tion with this freak of nature, a ago the old capitol at Austin burn. No matter how large the flock may cents a ton, compete with the it is not my old friend and well- funny incident happened. Dr. Car- ed down, and it was decided to be, he knows if even one sheep is tried Whig, so well known and ap- son about 1830, going to Charles- build another on a magnificent missing, and he gets out and hunts preciated by the old men who hear ton, South Carolina, with a drove scale. An English syndicate then for it until found .- Chicago Inter-

SPIDER SHOWERS.

They Have Been Observed by Darwin Showers of mud, worms, frogs and rain of various colors have al happened, but spider showers are

worthy of mention, and may be regarded as the most beautiful thing in strange showers. The spiders are gossamers, and White, in his "Natural History of Selborne," describes the showers that he saw, one of which continued a whole day. The gossamers descended from a surprising

beight, for when one man climbed to the top of a bill near by, three hundred feet high, be found that the spiders were dropping from a region in the atmosphere that was still beyond his gaze. Darwin, another observer of spider showers, describes one which he saw in 1832, when on board the Beagle, at the mouth of

the La Plata river, when the vessel was some sixty miles from land, and he seems to have been the first to notice that each parachute of gossamer carried a spider aeronaut, for he not only observed them arrive on board the ship, but he also saw them reproduce a new parachute, and on this frail bark launch forth again "on the bosom of the palpitating air." These gossamer showers are

great mysteries, and, once seen, cannot very readily be forgotten, for the air on these occasions becomes literally crowded with the tiny parachutes mentioned, which are composed of a few threads of almost invisible gossamer, with a small but lively spider attached.

The John Mabes in Stokes

The Danbury Reporter Post gives what it says is a partial list of the John Mabes in the Danbury sec tion of Stokes county. "The Mabes," the Reporter Post explains, "are clever people, of more or less intelligence," but "it is a peculiar foudness they have for the name of John." This is the list:

"Long John, Short John, Short John's son John, Mat's John, Lit tle John, Stumpy John, John Fez, John Hamp, Riley's John, John Tobacco, John Ed, Reuben's John, Betsy's John, Jessie's John, Alex's John, Beaseley's John, Rhody's John, John Dugan.

he finds his wife scharms disappearing. Health is the best friend of beauty, and the innumerable ills to which women are peculiarly subject, its worst enember of the innumerable ills to which women are peculiarly subject, its worst enember of the innumerable ills to which women are peculiarly subject, its worst enember of the innumerable ills to which women who possess the best health, use Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription. It is the only medicine for women, sold by druggists, under a positive guarantee from the manufactures, that it will give satisfaction in every case, or money refunded. This guarantee has been printed on the bottle-wrapper, and fathfully carried out for many years.

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Closed By the McKinley Tariff. On the 7th inst, the Philadelphia Press, which is the leading

advocate of McKinlevism in that city, published the following dispatch: "HARRISBURG, Dec. 6 .- It was learned to-night from a semiofficial source that the Pennsylvania Steel Works at Steelton,

giving employment to about 3,400 men, will close down from Christmas until February, and perhaps longer." This information has also been published elsewhere, and certain

high-tariff journals have asserted that the impending suspension of work in this great factory is proof of a depressing influence exerted by the Wilson bill. But what do the officers of the

is that these 3,400 men are to be When "Colly" was only a day thrown out of work because of the eighty-three miles long. Charley old he was taken away from his suinous effect of the McKinley own mother and given to a big tariff, and that they cannot hope iarly known, is considered one of motherly sheep. She let the little for continued employment unless the richest men in the panhandle, blind puppy share the dinner of the provisions of the Wilson bill but I really feel serry for his boys her own baby lamb. His little bed | concerning the duties on raw maif he ever sends them out on a hote was in a warm, soft nest made of terial shall be enacted. Our hightariff friends appear to have overlooked this, which is rather inter-

> We direct their attention to the following statement given to the United Press on Nov. 24 by Mr. Frederick W. Wood, President and Receiver of the Maryland Steel Company, and Second Viceparts of the same concern; one of them operates the works at Sparproach one of these big wandering row's Point, Md, and the other the works at Steelton, Penn.

"Previous to the past year we were in a position to compete most fault is not our own. It is all due known as the Mesaba districts,

"Owing to the freight charges we cannot, of course, compete with the mills west of the Alleghanies Sometimes, when the owners in purchasing this ore. Nor can the foreign ore from Cuba and the Mediterranean, which we use cents a ton, compete with the Western ore.

"The result is that our steel business has gone to pot, and will continue so if the Western output holds out and the tariff is not taken off the raw material.

"If the tariff is taken off raw material, we shall be able to compete on even terms with the other steeldo not think there is a single company east of the Alleghany mountains that will be able to continue operations in steelmaking.

"As I understand the tariff, it is ttended to encourage the industry and not to shut up manufactories. When this is the result, it has outlived its usefulness. With the tariff off raw materials, Eastern and Western plants would be on an equal basis."

great plants are admirably equipped. Together, when in full operation, they employed about 6,000 men. For some months, we think, Steelton. The gentleman who is corporations and Vice-President improvement and enlargement of it. of the other says that the cause of this suspension is the duty on iron ore, and we presume that he is waiting impatiently for the passage of the leading men of all parties, Republicof the bill that puts iron ore on ans as well as Democrats taking pride in it. the free list. If our memory serves us well, the two companies | Bottlete of the house in the ow the iron ore mines in Cuba last Republican congress, and no better from which they have been procuring raw material, and large sums of Pennsylvania capital have been expended in developing those mines. The ore which they have imported and which they would own property, but they are compelled to pay a duty of 75 cents a ton on it, for the "protection" of the ore at the upper end of the Mississippi Valley in the Masaba district, which is "mined" by steam shovels operated by the side of long trains of freight cars, at a cost lower than the cost of producing iron ore in any other part of the world; and also for the protection, as against themselves, of the steel factories of the Pittsburg and Illinois districts, to which the shoveled ore is sold, and will still be sold after the Wilson bill shall have become a law. We commend these remarks of

Mr. Wood to the attention of the Philadelphia Press and other hightariff journals which do not seem to have heard of them .- N. Y.

A Veteran of the Mexican War.

Momeny, an old veteran of the Mexican war on the streets to day who told "My daughter is losing her sight," me that afer reading about Simmon's "My daughter is losing her sight," said an anxious mother, "and just on the eve of marriage, too! What shall I do?" "Let her get married, by all means." responded the doctor; "marriage is a regular eye-opener." A man's eyes open pretty widely, when he finds his wife's charms disappearing. Health is the best friend of beauty, and the innumerable ills to which women are peculiarly subject, its me that afer reading about Simmon's Contain Mercury, as mercury will surely destroy the sense of smell and completely derange the whole system when entering it through the mucous surfaces. Such articles should never be used except on prescriptions from reputable physicians, as the damage they will do is suffer with Whooping Cough, when it can be easily stopped by giving Stock-

CARLISLE'S ENGLISH.

The Secretary of the Treasury Issued Model Report-Secretary Gresham's Double--Our Great Navy-Secretary Herbert the Right Man For the Place-Grand Uniforms While on Duty-Gener-

Cor. of The Morganton Herald. WASHINGTON, Dec. 30. - [Special.] -There is a new watchman at the capito He came on duty one day last week and was stationed at the door of the disbursing

clerk's office. This is an important post, for it is here that senators go to draw money, and in their careless way, confident of the security of the capitol, they walk hands, thus offering a fine opportunity for the operations of sneak thieves. It is the duty of this watchman to guard senator from such intrusion, and alco to see that no suspicious characters enter the disburs ing office, which is a miniature bank and ften has large sums of currency on hand. The new watchman has created quite a in he is admirably quiet and unobtrusive. He attracts a great deal of attention because of his striking resemblance to Secretary Gresham. He is Gresham's double. A few days ago Senator Turpie, whose eyesight is not as strong as it was some years

ago, turned suddenly while going out of the door of the senatorial bank, extended his hand to the watchman and exclaimed: "Why, how are you, Mr. Secretary?" Many other senators have made the same mistake though the most of them have caught themselves in time to avoid addressing the solemn watchman by a title to which he has never aspired, being undeceived by the gay uniform which the guardian of the Gold Braid Trimmings.

the capitol policemen-and there are about Italy and of other appointments made by 60 of them-have come out in bright uniforms of dark blue cloth, with gold braid trimmings, caps and pretty leather hangings for their clubs. This is a decided innoyation, and one that has been unfavorably commented on. The watchmen themselves do not like it. Nearly all of these capitol policemen are old soldiers and members of the Grand Army of the Republic. Till this year the Grand Army uniform was worn by them while on duty, and it was becoming, simple and dignified. It was a in the slough of despond and to be losing genuine pleasure to see the men guarding states and cities that state of affairs will the national statehouse attired in that unicountry. But some one high in authorise evidently was not satisfied with this simple American outfit and chose to imitate the custom which obtains in Europe, where every petty official, governmental or corporate, is decked out in a uniform with gold

braid trimmings.
Secretary Carlisle has been showered with compliments on the manner in which he prepared his annual report. While it are not willing to admit the house of reports. be pleased with all the recommendations which it contains, as a piece of literary work it is held to be of exceptional merit. Nothing could be more clear or concise, more simple or elegant, than the manner in which the secretary expressed himself in this paper. He is one of the few public men who are able to make a government report shine with all the luster of genuine literature, without any straining after effect or the employment of methods which would be unseemly in a document of that character. This is because Mr. Carlisle is a rare master of the English language. Pure and unadulterated English flows from his pen as naturally as the ink with

which it is charged. This rare gift was first discovered while Mr. Carlisle was speaker of the house. His decisions there, rendered for the most part without any sort of preparation, were modmaking companies. If it is not, I els of purity and style. Rarely or never did he find it necessary to edit the official reporter's transcript of his remarks. Few men in the world can do this. Even in the ordinary phrases which a presiding officer must use Mr. Carlisle was perfect. There never was any stumbling over tenses, any involved sentences or faulty construction that needed straightening out in The Record while he occupied the speaker's chair."

A Navy at Last. Much gratification is felt in all circles here over the steady progress that is being made with the United States navy. At last this country has a navy worthy the name, and it is growing better every day. It is well known that these two While the navies of other nations are degenerating through faulty plans or bad management, this being particularly true of Great Britain, ours appears to be marching on, without any more serious errors of construction than are found in details and very few men have been employed easily corrected. Just at this time, when at Sparrow's Point, and now 3.400 so many foreign complications are engagmen are to be deprived of work at ing the attention of our government, men of all parties express themselves as glad President of one of the affiliated and are determined to stand for a continued

The day has gone by in this country when any political party wishes or dares to oppose liberal appropriations for the navy. The new navy has been built up by a union The navy has no better friend than Mr. Boutelle of Maine, who was chairman of friend than Mr. Cummings, who is chairman of the committee at this time.

President Cleveland evidently made no mistake in his selection of a secretary of the navy. His selection of Mr. Whitney for this important post in the first administralike to import hereafter is their tion was a happy stroke, for Mr. Whitney applied to the department rare executive ability and broad ideas. He was largely instrumental in pressing to the front the policy of navy building which has been pursued to this day. His successor, Secretary Tracy, was by long odds the strongest man in the Harrison cabinet and one of the Now Mr. Cleveland has done equally well in his selection of Mr. Herbert. He was

criticised for putting a southern man at the head of this department, but this criti-cism has not been heard of since General Herbert took charge. He brought to the department a familiarity with the work which was obtained through long service on the naval committee of the house for several years as chairman thereof. Under smoothly as a clock, and many of the old ealousies between the line and the staff have been exterminated by his good management. Veteran naval officers say the affairs of the department were never more skillfully handled than they are at the pres-

It is computed that the death rate of the world is 67 a minute and the birth rate 70 a minute, and this seemingly light percent-age of gain is sufficient to give a net in-Oak Harbor, Ohio.—I met *Geo. O. crease of population each year of almost 1,200,000 souls.

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NATIONAL POLITICS. VARIED OPINIONS OF PROMINENT

DEMOCRATS AS TO THE OUTLOOK. William C. Whitney Lying Low-The President Pleasing Himself-Greshar MacVengh and the Interest of the Party -- Interesting Gossip.

Cor. of The Morganton Herald.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 29. - [Special.] -In this lull of congressional work the capital gossipers have a good deal to say about national politics. They seem to be particularly concerned with the future of the Democratic party. Two radical views are out the door with rolls of bills in their held by Democrats themselves, one being that the party is sure to go out of power in the house in the coming general election, and in the senate and White House as well as soon as the people can get a chance to express themselves. Those who hold this view point to the Democratic losses at the recent elections and to the dwindling of Mr. Cleveland's great majority in Chicago sensation—not, however, on account of his as shown by the meager victory of the method of discharging his duties, for there Democratic candidate for mayor last week. All these things convince these pessimistic Democrats that their party is going to the demnition bowwows. They say the pen-dulum is about to swing to the other exreme, and that this time it is the Republican turn to be on top. These gloomy Democrats even go so far as to say that the present president of the United States is looking out for himself and his own administration without much concern as to

what becomes of the party which elected Temporary Reverses Only.

One may hear this view expressed by such Democrats as Gorman, Hill, Cockrell and others who have never been much in sympathy with Mr. Cleveland. They speak During the present session of congress all of state, of MacVeagh to be embassador to the president of late as indicative of his carelessness of the party good and his de-sire to please himself first in all things. While it may be true that Mr. Cleveland has a way of doing what he wants to do,

that is certainly no innovation, and these

Democrats may be permitting their preju-

dices to run away with their judgment.

Precisely the opposite view is held by many prominent Democrats. They say that while the party seems just now to be not long continue. They ascribe these losses to the natural reaction which always sets in after a change of party, and instead of being permanent and indicative of total loss of power they affect to be glad of these temporary reverses on the theory that the sooner they come the sooner they will be over with and the better chance of a reaction in their favor. These hopeful Democrats think the party may suffer a great are not willing to admit the house of re would be too much to expect every one to resentatives is likely to fall into the hands of the opposition. But after the first opelections they expect to see the consum of the country, the poor men, the masses begin to get benefit from the new schedules and to turn with sympathy and sup-port to the party that revised the tariff in their interest. Between these two extreme views, which are daily expressed by Democrats of national reputation, the man up a tree may take his choice.

Out of Sight. One hears a great deal of comment in Washington upon the disappearance of William C. Whitney as a factor in Demo cratic national affairs. It was Mr. Whit ney more than any other man who secured Mr. Whitney's generalship had much to do with the election, that his was the hand that controlled the campaign machine, every one knows. The expectation was only natural, as it was general, that Mr. Whitney would be the big man behind the throne. It was freely predicted that he would want a great deal and get everything he asked for. As a matter of fact, Mr.s Whitney has had almost nothing at all to do with this administration. He has declined to recommend men for appointment to office, save in one or two cases where simple justice required his interference and he has studiously avoided any effort to control the patronage of his own state. If he had lost all the ambition he ever pos sed to be president of the United States Mr. Whitney could not more completely have retired from public view or from a position of influence in the affairs of his

While it is true that Mr. Whitney is not on very good terms with the president and has his opinion of some of the president's methods-an opinion which he has taken good care to keep very carefully to himself-the rupture is not deep enough to cause an entire severance of relations nor to induce Mr. Whitney to keep himself wholly in the background. One finds many acute observers saying that Mr. Whitney is playing a deeper game. They say he was able, from his knowledge of the conditions, of Mr. Cleveland's temperamen and tendencies, to predict with tolerable certainty that this was not destined to b a popular administration. According t this theory, Fir. Whitney felt sure Mr. Cleveland was starting out to please him self in his second and final term, and that his methods of doing so were sure to cause more or less of a breach between himself and his party. Mr. Whitney knew there would be great discontent over the manner in which the offices were filled, and he was able to foresee that on at least one great public question-that of silver-the resident was about to run counter to the wishes of a large section of the Democrat

In other words, these observers declare

that Mr. Whitney saw what was coming and decided to stand from under, to hold aloof, to have no identification with the administration and to lie low awaiting a turn in the affairs of the party which might bring him to the front. If this theory be correct, Mr. Whitney has shown his usual astuteness, but other friends and admirers of the great Democratic Warwick say he has really abandoned his ambition to be president, particularly since the death of his wife, and that he is leaving politics alone because he is tired of the bother and selfishness and insincerity, no to say at times the downright hoggishness

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