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Some of the officers of the pension office in Washington are still endeavoring to prosecute Mexican soldiers that took sides with the South in the war between the States. They will continue to entertain this prejudice so long as the war is designated as a rebellion.

THE REPUBLICANS HAVE AT LAST CONCLUDED TO ATTACK THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE AND HOLD THE DEMOCRATIC PARTY RESPONSIBLE FOR THE LARGE SURPLUS IN THE TREASURY. Senators Plumb, Teller, Sherman and others have opened the ball on this issue, and it is evident that they intend to oppose every effort the democrats may make to reduce taxes and prevent the continued accumulation of a surplus.

DEATH OF EX-SECRETARY MAN-ING.
Hon. Daniel Manning, Ex-Secretary of the Treasury, died at his home in Albany, N. Y., on Saturday last.

President Cleveland regarded him as a true and trusted friend and loyal associate in the discharge of solemn public duty. His life was a useful and successful one. His management of the treasury department was considered able and sound, though severe criticisms were made upon his effort to induce Congress to suspend the coinage of silver. He was a life-long Democrat and did valiant service in the campaign which elected Governor Cleveland President.

CHRISTMAS.
Today begins the Christmas festivities, one of the most universal, making, good cheer and special greetings. It is not confined to the rich and prosperous, but in its full significance embraces the poor, the sick, the young and the old and all persons who recognize the great gift of eternal life embodied in the meek and lowly One whose birth we celebrate. It is recognized as peculiarly the children's holiday because it commemorates the birth of Him who had a tender regard for little children. It is the annual occasion of interchange of kindly greetings, of family reunions, of renewing of old friendships and to forget for a time the grim reality that lags along the pathway of life.

It is a time for making other hearts glad by giving something, whether it be of intrinsic value or only a kind word which steals insensibly into the heart and kindles a warmth of friendship and good feeling—the beacon light that smooths the rippling waters of life. In no better way can we commemorate the birth of Him whose cradle was a manger and whose ministering angels proclaimed "peace and good will to men." The gift of Him is precious to all mankind, and to cheer, to gladden, and to make light the hearts of the poor, the sick and the lowly is a work that commends itself to all.

WHAT WILL CAUSE THE TROUBLE?
The Blair bill is indeed a dangerous one, and will cause the white people of the South much trouble—Charlotte Democrat.

Will our esteemed contemporary tell us wherein will arise the trouble? If educating the negro will cause the white people trouble, then why not abandon it altogether. But how, and in what respect will it give us trouble? The whole thing narrows itself down to the question whether or not the negro ought to be educated. Unless there has been a vast amount of hypocritical legislation on the subject, it has already been deemed necessary to educate these people. The laws of North Carolina distribute the public school fund, and principally by the white taxpayers, equally among the white and black. The general assembly has established normal schools and appropriated money for instructing colored teachers, and the only trouble arising from this is the meagre sum left for educating the poor white children of the State. It is a well known fact that lack of money is the cause of the inefficiency of our public schools.

The United States government gave to the colored people the right of citizenship; it gave them the privilege of the ballot and all the rights that necessarily follow such an enfranchisement, and if the public welfare demands that they be educated—and the Constitution and laws of every Southern State recognize that it does—then the power that made them citizens and invested them with the privilege of the ballot should help to bear the burden.

It was unjust to the Southern States to turn this mass of ignorance loose and burden them alone with the duty of preparing these people for the rights of citizenship. It is unjust to the whole people to

Some States make presents. A pair of gloves for the boys, and three jackets for the girls. A muzzle for Mr. Blaine. The "body shirt" for Parker, and a pound made of powder, brimstone, sulphur, dynamite and blood. A statue of the Prophet for John Sherman.

George Ash, "The Jeweler".
Has returned from Northern Markets with the Largest, Most Complete and Varied Stock of Watches, Diamonds, Fine Jewelry, Sterling Silver and Plated Ware.
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