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## EDITORIAL NOTES.

There are 23,000 conductors in the United States.

The West Point cadets will spend about two weeks in Chicago this summer.

A snigger day that has ever been dreamed of is dawning on North Carolina. Watch and wait.

At the 69.00. E. men who fought with Napoleon at Waterloo only eight now survive.

Sunday night three persons were killed by a thunder bolt in the town of a Kentucky farmer.

There is an alarming spread of cholera in Asiatic Turkey. The people are dying by thousands.

The Northern Presbyterian last Friday night, will meet next year at Saratoga.

A weekly paper in the interest of the Hebrew race, the first to be published in the South, will be started in Raleigh.

The most expensive illustrated book yet made is said to be a Bible now owned by Theodore Irwin, of Oswego, N. Y. It is valued at \$10,000.

The President has appointed Charles H. Mansur, of Missouri, to be second comptroller of the Treasury.

The office of the Hustler, a Prohibition paper at Cattlesburg, Ky., was blown up with dynamite Sunday night.

The Pope sends his thanks to Cardinal Gibbons for his recent discourse on the restoration of the Papal temporal power.

The Washington Post says Dr. Lyman Abbott seems to be playing for a heresy trial advertisement.

We gather from our numerous exchanges that the President returned to Washington greatly refreshed and as brown as a berry.

It seems that great men are fleetermen. Webster in the good old time and Cleveland and Harrison at the present day. We sometimes wet a book ourselves.

The Atlanta Journal's special Washington correspondent says, "All of the North Carolina appointments are expected within the next ten days or two weeks."

Happy, confident Steve puts it thusly—English peas and Irish thistles, linen duster, New French gaiters, great American appetite; these we have, and more in sight."

The story comes from England that Queen Victoria, who is now in her 75th year, contemplates abdicating the throne. The old lady will abdicate—when she can't help it.

Dr. William Battle, of the class of '89 of the University of North Carolina, has graduated at Harvard with high honors this year, and accepted a professorship of Latin at the Chicago University.

Mrs. Stowell Jackson, who resides at Charlotte, N. C., has been presented with a sprig of ivy from Martin Luther's grave, which she intends placing on her husband's burial place.

The New York floor walker whose engagement to an heiress has been announced is to be congratulated on his luck; although it by no means follows that matrimony is the end of floor walking.

Gov. Florer has nominated Grover Cleveland for the Democratic candidate for President in 1896. Won't the Governor kindly wait until after dinner before he calls the previous question and demands a vote?

The mother, grandfather, great-grandfather, and great-great-grandfather of a six-month-old baby at Rural Retreat, Va., all live under the same roof, and it is safe to say that the baby bosses the entire outfit.

The feature of the farewell dinner which the American colony in the Vienna gave to Colonel Fred Grant was the uncovering from one of the mounted pieces on the table of a white dove, which flew away while the guests sang "Hail, Columbia."

We admire the filial devotion of the young man in Missouri who held up a train and robbed the express car to raise money to pay off a mortgage on his father's farm, but we can't fully endorse his methods.

The demonstration of the multitude at Chicago upon the arrival of the Infanta Esclavia in the World's Fair city was full of heart and good will; and while it may have been somewhat tumultuous, there can be no doubt that the noisy welcome was as sweet music to the ears of this sensible, white-soled representative of the royalty of Spain.

Good roads not only help farmers and merchants in a business way but they have also a good effect upon the social life of a community. This is illustrated in a section near the boundaries of Delaware, Pennsylvania and Maryland where the people disregard State and county lines, and go many miles to social entertainments because the roads are good.

## AN EXTRA SESSION OF CONGRESS.

The President has returned from Springfield and is ready to resume business at the old stand.

In reply to a direct question the President has said that he intends to call an extra session of Congress in early part of the fall, not later than the 15th of September, unless unexpected contingencies should necessitate an earlier meeting.

The President further said: "While there has been no mystery or secrecy in regard to my intention in this matter, I think it not unwise that our people should be informed authoritatively that the time is at hand when their representatives in Congress will be called upon to deal with a financial condition which is the only menace to the country's welfare and prosperity. It is well for the people to take up the subject for themselves and arrive at their own conclusions as to the merits of a financial policy which obliges us to purchase idle silver bullion with gold taken from our reserve. One uses not need the eye of a financier to see that this gold thus subtracted from the Treasury is being eagerly seized by other nations for the purpose of strengthening their own credit at our expense."

"I do not need the art of statesmanship to detect the danger that awaits upon the continuance of this operation. Already the timidity of capital is painfully apparent, and none of us can fail to see that fear and apprehension in monetary circles will ultimately bring suffering to every humble name in our land."

"I think that between now and the meeting of Congress much depends upon the action of those engaged in financial operations and business enterprises. Our vast national resources and credit are abundantly sufficient to justify them in the utmost faith and confidence. If instead of being frightened they are conservative, and if instead of gloomily anticipating immediate disaster they continue their share of hope and patriotism they will perform a patriotic duty and at the same time protect their own interest. The things just now needed are coolness and calmness in financial circles, and study and reflection among our people."

It would be folly to deny that the situation is a serious one, but there is no reason for despondency. The country is abundantly solvent. Its resources are inexhaustible and all that is necessary for the safe passage of the rapids is coolness and confidence on the part of the people. The worst that can possibly happen is the temporary discomfiture of individuals and the contraction of the currency consequent upon the overthrow of a pernicious monetary institution brought into being by the exigencies of the war, and tolerated, as a temporary expedient, until a broad policy should establish a financial policy that will give the country an abundance of money, every dollar of which shall have the same purchasing and debt paying power. Nothing can be a dollar that is not intrinsically worth one hundred cents."

Now is the time for the calm consideration of the currency question. From now until the meeting of Congress it should be discussed in all its bearings by the public journals of the country. The people must speak out, not in threats nor anarchoistic criticisms, but with words of soberness and truth.

The currency alone threatens disaster to individuals and discredit to the Government. We believe that Congress will prove equal to the emergency—give relief to the people, and establish the currency on a firm basis that will command the respect of the financial world.

**RIGHT AND COMING RIGHT.**  
When the hue and cry was raised against "the spoils office" it was right, provided the facts were as represented. It was said that politics had degenerated; that patriotism was no longer supreme; that honesty and capacity had ceased to be prerequisites of official station; and that party service, the boosting of a party favorite, the trudging of a rival candidate and the dexterous manipulation of election returns had become essential to preferment. If the indictment could be sustained, there was justice, reason and right in the hue and cry. But, when it was assumed that there was no merit in party service; that personal abnegation in the attainment of party success carried with it no claims to recognition, and that the highest evidence of fitness for office was total abstinence from political contests, it was all wrong.

The ultra spoilsman and the mungwump occupy the extreme between which is to be found the right position.

For a time Mr. Cleveland seemed to be wandering about in the labyrinth of mungwumpism, but it soon became evident that instead of being bewildered himself he was going after the lost sheep of the house of Israel and bringing them back to the fold. Judge Gresham was the first to be rescued, and it is claimed that in taking him out of the wet fisherman landed a superb trout.

If in the Gresham incident the President was wrong, there are

multitudes of good Democrats who say "it was splendid generalship," nevertheless the commander in chief does not seem inclined to repeat the man-over.

Indeed every thing seems to be right or coming right. The President may be a little slow in making appointments, but when they are made men marvel at the excellence of the selection. Men are recognized, and what were mere promises is being developed into a magnificent picture of a Democratic administration by Democrats.

We could give the President a few points on catching fish, but in the matter of appointments and general administration we lift our hats to him and wait for the surprises that is to be more pleasing than that which preceded it.

It is sometimes wondered that Stevenson is so little heard of. Really it is not strange. He is far in the rear just now, but if there is not a revolution in the current of events, 1896 is coming and so is Stevenson.

**HE WON'T GIVE WAY.**  
A Birmingham, Ala., dispatch of June 6th, says: Lewis E. Parsons, United States Attorney for the Northern District of Alabama, whose successor was appointed by President Cleveland two weeks ago, it is understood, will decline at present to surrender his office. Parsons, it is alleged, has written a letter to Mr. Cleveland, claiming that the President has no authority under the tenure of his commission to remove him and that he cannot be forced out before his commission expires, except by impeachment.

Republicans and Mungwumps will contend vigorously for the rights of Mr. Parsons, but if we know anything about Grover Cleveland, and we think we do, Mr. Parsons will come down.

As this matter will attract considerable attention, the public may be interested in knowing something of the persons who are directly interested in this contest.

Lewis E. Parsons and Emmet O'Neal Mr. Parsons's appointee, are well known in Alabama. Mr. Parsons is the son of the late Lewis E. Parsons Sr., a Northern man who settled in Alabama many years ago and became distinguished as a lawyer and politician. He was originally an old line whig, and afterwards a Union man and a Republican. He was always an aggressive politician, and during the reconstruction period was the Provisional Governor of Alabama.

Lewis E. Parsons Jr. inherited the personal characteristics and political sentiments of his father. He has been a political leader from his early manhood, and we question if there is any one against whom the charge of offensiveness to our party is more easily sustained.

Emmet O'Neal is the son of Gen. E. A. O'Neal, who served during the war in the Army of Northern Virginia and was afterwards Governor of Alabama. Emmet was the law partner of his father and very much like him—a warm-blooded southerner, a gentleman and a Democrat.

Thus it will be seen that the people of Alabama will take a very lively interest in the case.

But, the question at issue concerns the people of all the States, involving as it does the right of the President to remove from office anyone whose commission has not expired.

The issue is made. The President may make short work of it, but Republicans and Mungwumps will "make night hideous." They will play upon a harp of many strings: The older Parsons a Union man and a Republican; the older O'Neal a Southern man, a secessionist, a Confederate soldier and a Democrat.

Just as we are closing this article the following in the Washington Post falls under our eye.

CHICAGO, June 6.—Richard Mansfield White has been removed from the national commission of the World's Fair. The following was received:

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