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### FRISCO KID AT WHITE HOUSE.

Boothblack Enjoys Square Meal, But Fails to Shine President's Shoes.

Washington Post.

Fred Racik, the "Frisco Kid" ate dinner yesterday at the White House. Unlike Booker T. Washington, he did not put his feet under the President's mahogany, but he had a better meal than he has had in many a long day. Neither did he see the President himself, though he received assurances that he would be able to see him today and shine the Executive shoes.

That was the boy wanderer's ambition and purpose in coming to Washington. Having beaten his way across the continent from San Francisco, with 15 cents to start and all he could eat enroute, he was not satisfied to return to the Golden Gate without polishing the shoes of Mr. Roosevelt.

"There are so many colored boothblacks here in Washington," said this fourteen-year-old prodigal, "that I was afraid I wouldn't do very well here, but it's a swell town, and everybody's been real good to me."

In fact the boy tramp, who reached Washington Monday, tired, sleepy, dirty, penniless, and rather worse for beating his way from Philadelphia, seems to have struck more prosperous times. When he presented himself at the White House, where he made many friends in a short time, he was well groomed and brushed, though his shoes were full of holes and his clothes shabby. Secretary Loeb promised him an opportunity to see the President when he is not busy.

John E. Wilkie of the Secret Service Bureau, gave the "Kid" souvenir coins to add to the collection of his boothblack box, and one of the proudest possessions that Fred is carrying home is an old knife given him by the Secret Service officers, said to have been used by one of the most skillful counterfeiters ever apprehended in cutting the plates from which he coined his "bad" money.

### Gen. Ransom Buried in His Garden.

Salisbury Sun.

Col. A. H. Boyden returned this morning from Garysburg, where he went to attend the funeral of his late and much loved friend, Gen. M. W. Ransom. Gen. Ransom was buried with Masonic honors and distinguished citizens from every section of the State were present. The remains were laid away in a plot in Gen. Ransom's garden within a stone's throw of his residence. His son Thomas, whose death fell so heavily upon the father, was buried there and it was Gen. Ransom's request that he be put away by the side of his son.

"He was the most perfect corpse I ever looked upon," said Col. Boyden. "The old-time color, the perfect calm and gentleness of expression were there and he looked to me as I shall like to remember him in the full vigor of splendid manhood. I was impressed with the crowd of negroes who were there. They knew and loved General Ransom."

### S. A. Quantz, a tailor of Danville, Va., plaintiff in a damage suit against the Southern Railway in the Superior court at Charlotte, was yesterday sent to jail for 10 days by Judge Allen for contempt of court.

Quantz took on too many drinks before going on the witness stand.

The Salisbury Globe announces that on November 15th it will begin the publication of an afternoon daily edition with full press reports. Mr. H. B. Varner, the owner, has sold an interest in the paper to Mr. Carl Hammer of Schnectady, N. Y.

### SPOILED A DUEL.

The Scheme Senator Lamar Worked to Prevent an Encounter.

New Orleans Times-Democrat.

During the course of a heated debate once in the house of representatives sharp words were exchanged between a congressman from New York and one from Mississippi. A challenge was delivered and accepted and as both were courageous and determined a bloody meeting seemed imminent. Friends interposed, but in vain. Both men were resolute, and neither would yield to the suggestion of an amicable arrangement. As a last resort Senator Lamar was called in to save the situation. He realized that no ordinary methods would serve his purpose, and so resorted to strategy. The principals in the proposed duel are still living, so I will call the New Yorker Jones and the Mississippian Smith.

Senator Lamar called on the New Yorker, and after the usual civilities had been exchanged he said:

"Jones, I've come here to do you a friendly turn. I know that you and Smith are determined to fight and that nothing will stop you. I have not come as a mediator, but simply to mitigate, if possible, the horrors of a fatal end, so far as you are concerned. As to Smith, I have no fears. He is a dead shot and can take care of himself, but he is not an unfeeling man, and is inclined to respect any partiality you may have in favor of any particular part of your anatomy. Some men entertain a mortal dread of being disgraced after death, and if the choice were left them would prefer not to be wounded in the eye or mouth or cheek bone. Now if there is any particular spot that you would like to have Smith's bullet enter he has commissioned me to say that your wishes will be respected."

This extraordinary proposition staggered the New Yorker. Even his undoubted courage did not stand so severe a test, and he paled visibly. After he recovered his composure he replied that he would confer with his second and Mr. Lamar, after an impressive farewell, took his leave.

The tip was given to friends of the principals and new negotiations entered upon. The duel did not come off. Lamar's device had succeeded.

### Man and the Farm.

John Burroughs.

It is a common complaint that the farm and farm life are not appreciated by our people. We long for the more elegant pursuits, or the ways and fashions of the town. But the farmer has the most sane and natural occupation, and ought to find life sweeter; if less highly seasoned, than any other. He alone, strictly speaking, has a home. How can a man take root and thrive without land? He writes his history upon his fields. How many ties, how many resources he has! His friendships with his cattle, his team, his dog, his trees; the satisfaction, in his growing crops, in his improved fields; his intimacy with nature, with bird and beast, and with the quickening elemental forces; his co-operations with the cloud, the sun, the seasons, heat, wind, rain, frost. Nothing will take the various social distempers which the city and artificial life bred out of a man like farming, like direct and loving contact with the soil. It draws out the poison. It hampers him, teaches him patience and reverence, and restores the proper tone to his system. Cling to the farm, make much of it, bestow your heart and your brain upon it so that it shall savor of you and radiate your virtue after your day's work is done.

There are now 718 rural free mail delivery routes in the State.

### SOME EVILS FROM DIVORCES.

George Meredith's Plan Does Not Find Favor With American Thinkers.

From the Boston Inter-Mountain.

In spite of George Meredith's announcement that in the course of time marriage would be made or contracted only for certain periods, many of the ministers of this country do not seem to be discouraged in their crusade against the growth of the divorce evil. A number of them, of different denominations and from all parts of the United States, have made an agreement not to marry divorced persons, unless it be shown that such divorces were obtained for causes sanctioned by the churches.

While it is true that even if this position were taken by all churches they could not prohibit divorces or stop the marriage of divorcees, still it plainly shows the attitude and disfavor of these churches in regard to the question. Their action may also help to turn public sentiment against the growing evil, and perhaps influence indirectly those who are prompted more or less in their actions by public opinion. While being actuated by no better motives would not be of great credit to the people themselves, still an enforced regard for marriage laws would be better than a growing laxity with respect to them, in ultimately lessening the number of divorces, and thus remedying or preventing the evils that follow.

One example of the latter is shown in a statement made by the superintendent of the compulsory department of the Chicago school system that divorce is responsible for much of the truancy and juvenile crime in that city. He says that in Chicago there are about 35,000 divorced persons, the parents of about 40,000 children, and that a majority of the boys and girls committed to institutions of correction belong to this class. Another is given in a report of the truant officer at Des Moines, Iowa, which shows that of 108 investigated cases of truancy in that place, in a majority of the cases the parents were either divorced persons or drunks.

The divorce question is one of growing importance, not only with respect to the cause of the question itself and its prevalence, but in respect to the many evils directly or indirectly resulting from such a state of affairs.

### The Democrats Should Have the House at All Hazards.

Charlotte Observer.

There is a chance, a hope, a good hope, that Judge Parker will be elected. But, while we of the South must and will contribute our efforts to this end, we should direct our thoughts to matters of more immediate concern. If the Democrats of every state will safeguard their own local interests the Parker interest will take care of itself. We are told that in olden time the Streets of Jerusalem were kept clean by every man sweeping before his own door. The Southern people want to take first care of their State governments, but there is particular reason at this juncture why they should look to their congressional delegations. If Mr. Roosevelt is elected, with a Congress in both branches in political sympathy with him, he will make it warm for the South. Mark that down and remember it. The argument is addressed to the people of North Carolina. They should spare no effort to send ten Democratic Representatives to the next Congress. A Democratic President will need the support of a Democratic House.

If by bad chance Mr. Roosevelt should be elected the South will need a House to protect it against him far more than it would need a friendly House with Judge Parker as President. But in any case it is of the highest importance that, whatever else befall, the lower house of the next Congress be Democratic. And our friends of the eighth and tenth districts of North Carolina will please take notice.

### The will of the late J. S. Spencer, of Charlotte, was filed for probate in the Mecklenburg Superior Court last Wednesday.

Mrs. Spencer is made sole executrix of the property, valued at over \$250,000, most of which is in bank and mill stock.

Former Governor W. Murray W. Crane of Massachusetts has been appointed to fill out the unexpired term of the late Geo. F. Hoar in the United States.

### RUSSIAN LOSSES 40,000.

Close of Seventh Day's Fighting Finds the Battle Between Persuader and Persuaded Still Raging and the Casualties Growing All the Time.

Charlotte Observer, 17th.

At the close of the seventh consecutive day of fighting between Mukden and Liao Yang, the battle was still raging, the Russians offering a stubborn resistance to the fierce onslaught of the Japanese. The sacrifice of life has been appalling. Estimates of the Russian losses alone in killed and wounded at the end of the sixth day's fighting being conceded 30,000, while it seems not improbably it aggregated at that time 40,000. Japanese official reports estimate that 10,000 Russian dead were left on the battlefield up to the night of October 14, and claim that the Japanese losses are small by comparison with those of the Russians.

General Kuropatkin's report to Emperor Nicholas depicts the desperate character of the fighting and praises the valor of the troops, indicating, however, that he is hard pressed, with the result still in the balance. All hope of succoring Port Arthur this season has been abandoned. St. Petersburg has an unconfirmed report that the Japanese General Nodzu has been seriously wounded. A question of interest in St. Petersburg, is the fate of General Kuropatkin as a factor in the Russian military situation.

### Mr. Cleveland's Advice.

Charlotte Observer, 12th.

In an article in The Saturday Evening Post, ex-President Cleveland urges those who are about to cast their first votes to join the re-united Democracy. He tells how he chose his own party affiliation in 1856, and affirms that the party to-day "has recovered its old-time aggressiveness and sturdiness, through the recuperative ministrations of its conservatism." Though conservative, says Mr. Cleveland, the Democracy is by no means reactionary or dull in comprehension of the varying needs of the people. "Those deficiencies could not possibly exist in a party whose length of life nearly measures the nation's existence and whose highest claim upon the people's preference has always been its servitude to the people's welfare." It believes that new necessities should be met by the application of broad constitutional principles. In governmental action at home or abroad, the Democracy, says Mr. Cleveland, believes that all things should be done "decently and in order." In conclusion Mr. Cleveland says:

"The young men who fight for Democratic success in this time of political conflict will in after years have the proud satisfaction of remembering that they fought for safe counsels in the administration of their government, for the protection of our national mission against interruption and perversion, for the increased comfort of the people in their homes, and for the defense of their interests against the encroachments of organized selfishness and greed."

Commenting on the ex-President's advice, The Greenville, S. C., News says:

"Truly, these are brave words, bravely spoken. There is no man to-day for whom the masses have greater admiration than Mr. Cleveland. He has retired from public life, but he is keenly interested in the welfare of his party and his country. And his words ought to carry weight

### and bear fruit."

The words of the only living ex-President will doubtless have much weight with voters. Above everything else, the people regard Mr. Cleveland as an honest man and one whose convictions are his own. He has not weathered the storms of recent years for nothing and it is not visionary to think that anything he may say or do for his party in the present campaign will have much weight. When Grover Cleveland has anything to say, people of all classes listen. The ex-President's apparent enthusiasm is a good omen for the Democracy.

### RUSSIANS LEFT 10,000 DEAD.

Report Dealing With Casualties Received at Tokio—2,500 Bodies in Front of Centre Army.

Charlotte Observer, 17th.

Tokio, Oct. 16, 1 p. m.—A report dealing with the Russian casualties received here at midnight says that, according to a report from the centre army at midnight, 150 prisoners were taken on October 13. The Russian dead under investigation on that day will reach 500. On October 14 the enemy's dead totalled 1,000. One hundred prisoners were taken, together with rifles, guns and wagons. Under investigation, the total Russian dead left in front of the centre army are estimated at 2,500. The enemy's dead already investigated, the report total at 8,550, but the enemy's losses during the two days of fierce engagements on October 14 and 15 are not included in this number. Moreover, there are some undiscovered dead by all of the armies, so that the enemy's dead left on the field will reach a total of over ten thousand.

Dr. J. Brenton Wise, a prominent dentist of Chester, died suddenly of apoplexy while sitting on his front porch Tuesday morning.

### CHANCE FOR THE GAZETTE READERS.

Adams Drug Co's Store.

In order to test THE GAZETTE's great circulation and its superior advertising value, we have made arrangements with Adams Drug Company the popular druggists, to offer one of their best selling medicines at half price to any one who will cut out the following coupon and present it at their store.

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If you cannot call at their store, cut out the coupon and mail it with 25 cents, and a 30 cent box of the specific will be sent you by mail, charges paid. Do not put it off. "One to-day is worth two to-morrow."

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